



Calvert City Golf & Country Club photo

Calvert City Country Club pool is here to stay

By Kelsey Edwards
KPI Marshall Times Editor

As many I am sure are already aware, there were lots of discussions had last year about whether or not the Calvert City Country Club should keep the pool or not. Several were in favor of getting rid of the pool while a vast majority took to Facebook as an effort to keep the pool. This pool has been home to many kid birthday parties and other types of events as well as staying full with people of all ages throughout the summer. With all the feedback from the community, the pool will officially be staying at the country club! It was stated by the country club, “The pool has created many memories for all our families over the past 50 years, and we have taken action to make sure we have a sustainable pool for the next 50 years.”

A walk-through of the pool had to take place before the new filters were installed along with seeing the current state of the pool. After the walkthrough was completed, it was determined by the KY Pool Safety Engineering Program that the pool to be

shut down until the country club could get the state’s suggested work finished. The suggested work also includes the installation of the new filters. For the Country Club to be able to work on the pool, they will have to submit plans to the Kentucky Department of Health & Safety. Specifically, and then the Kentucky Pool Safety Engineering Program must sign off on these plans before the work is started.

The Country Club was then advised that a pressure test would need to be done to ensure the quality of repairs with the piping at the pool. The scope of the project will be determined once the pressure test has been completed and that is when the bidding process will be open. Any bids that are received will be presented to all the members of the club by the Board of Directors.

This is going to be a huge project but rest assured that the members of the club will be the ones to make the final decision. It was stated, “As we prepare to embark on ways to financially cover such a large project, we know that our 12 elected Board

Members represent our 450 memberships and have been voted by our members into a position to make such decisions for our club.” “We as a Board promise that a decision of this magnitude will be made by the entire membership at large. We understand this will be a difficult road and we ask that our membership takes this time to stay together and positively work through these decisions.” For future notices and updates about the pool, you can find those in your email as updates are given, you can check the website, and it will be posted on the bulletin boards inside the clubhouse. The Calvert City Country Club will also post updates on the smartphone app along with Facebook, about any future pool information.

I know so many community members who are ecstatic about this decision and are looking forward to the pool being up and running after the work has been completed! I am sure it will be just as full as it always has been! What a blessing it will be for so many families who love and utilize the pool during the summer!

St. Patrick’s Day party pointers

St. Patrick’s Day is a beloved holiday, and that popularity is reflected in celebrations that take place across the globe. According to World Population Review, more than 200 countries celebrate St. Patrick’s Day.

Russia, Singapore and Japan are among the nations that celebrate St. Patrick’s Day each March, proving that proximity to Ireland is not a prerequisite for partying on March 17. With that in mind, anyone in the mood to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day need not hesitate to plan a party this March. The following St. Patrick’s Day party pointers can make the festivities even

more fun this year.

- **Go green.** It goes without saying that green is the color of St. Patrick’s Day. St. Patrick is the primary patron saint of Ireland, a country known for its rolling green hills. Hosts can decorate party spaces in green, hanging green streamers and green balloons. Encourage guests to wear green and keep the theme going with the menu, serving green baked goods and beverages.

- **Curate a St. Patrick’s Day playlist.** In addition to its rolling green hills, Ireland is known for music. It’s hard to find a pub anywhere on the Emerald Isle without a local

musician playing traditional Irish music for a captivated crowd. Hosts can keep that in mind when curating their St. Patrick’s Day playlist, which can include music from artists and bands such as Finbar Furey, The Dubliners, The Clancy Brothers, The Chieftains, The Pogues, The High Kings, The Dropkick Murphys, Flogging Molly, and more.

- **Serve traditional Irish fare.** It might take some advanced planning and effort to provide a menu one might find in Ireland. Blood pudding is served in many pubs across the Emerald Isle, but it might be hard, though not necessarily impossible, to find outside the country. Some large chain grocery stores might carry blood pudding in March, and it might be possible to find it in specialty grocery stores around this time of year. Irish soda bread, bacon and cabbage, Irish stew, and boxty are some additional dishes to give a menu some traditional Irish flavor.

- **Cut an Irish rug.** Irish dancing is another of Ireland’s many exports, as dancers across the globe have embraced traditional Irish dance. Hosts can learn a dance or two and teach guests a few simple steps during the party. Keep it light and fun and allow even non-dancers to tap their toes.

These are just a few of the ways hosts can make their St. Patrick’s Day parties more fun this March.



Marshall County creates Little League for Mountain Biking

By Kelsey Edwards
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Over the past several years, there has been an abundance of new sports come to fruition, and rightly so. It truly amazes me the amount of talent that is out there and not just in the usual sports like basketball, baseball/softball, football, soccer, etc.

One that has taken off in our area is Mountain Biking. It has been ten years since Marshall County High School started the sport. Now, they have decided to expand and create a mountain biking little league. If you have a little one who is interested in competing, the last information meeting and sign-up event is Saturday, March 16 at 9 a.m. It will be held at Marshall County High School.

The cost to participate in the Little League program is \$50 and includes a t-shirt. An equipment check will need to be done on all helmets and bicycles, which means any interested students are asked to bring those to the informational

meeting.

The Little League program has been a topic of discussion for almost two years now, as the youngest grade level serviced by KICL is 6th grade. Due to the demand of kids in elementary school wanting to start sports, the coaches of the mountain bike team made final plans to create a little league program, after the 2023 KICL season ended.

This program will allow second, third, fourth, and fifth graders to participate. The middle and high school sport has their seasons in the Fall, therefore the little league program is set for the spring which will allow all coaches to assist with the little league. The league will have three practices each week and will run from March 23 to May 11. During the season the program will have approximately three races. Every practice and race of the Little League program will take place at the high school, utilizing both the fields and the cross-country track. JT Barnes has taken the role of Head Coach for the Little League program.



MC Athletics photo

Marshall County Marshals wins first region title

By Kelsey Edwards
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It was a Sunday afternoon on March 10, at the CFSB Center in Murray, where the original MCHS–Marshall County Marshals, took home the trophy after beating McCracken County 54-46. They become the First Region Champions for the first time in 12 years. After the Marshals lost to McCracken in mid-February, they went on to win seven games in a row including the title game on Sunday.

When the second half of the game started, the Marshals refused to let the Mustangs regain any lead. It truly was a team effort as the balanced scoring came from six different players who pushed the lead to 10 points at 37-27 and finally beat them by a total of eight points. It was a heck of a game as the points stayed in just a few shots of

each other but ultimately the Marshals took over and defeated the defending champions. Stay tuned to see how the Region tournament plays out!

First Region Tournament All-Tournament Team includes Mathew Langhi and Alex Staples both from Marshall County. Two from McCracken are Jackson Klope and Conner Miller. Two from Murray; Lincoln English and Drew May. Two from Paducah Tilghman; Josh Campbell and Miles Woodfork, and finally Braden Morris from Mayfield and Carter Burnett from Carlisle County. The Joey Fosko MVP went to Matthew Langhi our own Marshall Countian, and Kaden Bowles from Carlisle received the Dr. Rex Alexander Award. A big congratulations to the Marshall County Marshals and the First Region All-Tournament Team.

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Community Foundation of West Ky collaborates with others for disaster recovery

By Alexa Tabor

December 10 is a day that the West Kentucky region will always remember, according to the Community Foundation of West Kentucky (CFWK). Across two years, more than 100 nonprofits and mission groups have

come into the region to help stabilize communities and return the impacted citizens to their homes. Even still, CFWK continues coordinating repairing damaged homes and helping to rebuild new establishments for those affected. “Recovery is impos-

sible without the support and generosity of caring neighbors, which West Kentucky is fortunate to have,” CFWK COO Chris Dockens said. “Thank you for being part of our mission to serve our West Kentucky friends and neighbors.” Recently, Ryan

Drane with Momentum Group met with Dockins on behalf of CFWK. The group learned further about disaster recovery as a result. Both Drane and Dockens are partnering with Dylan Loman and Terri Osucha to create a potentially game-changing program that



utilizes their experience to help other communities become disaster aware and ready. The group has also enlisted Denise Thompson with Next Level Consulting to

help with marketing. There will be further announcements in the future regarding this project, all of which will help the community for decades to come.

Public hike at Mantle Rock

The River to River Trail Society announces its 5th public hike of the 2024 spring hiking season on March 30. Hiking: Mantle Rock (Livingston County KY). Longest Arch east of Mississippi

River. This hike is free and open to the public. This will be a moderately difficult loop hike 5 miles in length, 4 hours hiking time. The leader of this hike can be reached at 618-759-1924 for more information. Hikers should meet at 10:00 am at Berry's Ferry Home Site (KY). This hike is intended for people in good health who have done some hiking. Hiking sticks and boots or sturdy shoes are recommended. Hikers should bring their own water and snacks. No dogs please. Check the post on the River to River Trail Society website www.rivertorivertrail.net for more information including driving directions to the meeting area for this hike.

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Church in West Paducah awed by God’s provisions

By Mark Maynard
Kentucky Today

PADUCAH, Ky. (KT) – Pastor Jason Medley marvels at how God is rebuilding Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

Five years removed from a tornado that swept through the community, destroyed the church’s sanctuary and damaged other buildings, Mt. Zion will vote Sunday to approve construction of a new church building. The plan is to break ground Wednesday on the fifth anniversary of the tornado they refer to as “The Miracle at Mt. Zion.”

The tornado broke out during the morning when 40 preschool children were in class in an adjacent church building. Not one of them had even a single scratch.

The rebuild of the church has faced multiple obstacles, including spiking construction costs, said Medley, who is in his second year as senior pastor.

“We have needed to rebuild, and a series of things have happened,” he said. “Of course, COVID, but also an incredible change in the atmosphere of construction. We had a tornado in one world and rebuild in a different one.”

Not only that but

the church’s previous senior pastor retired and a deacon who was heading up the rebuilding projected passed away from a heart attack.

“We’ve come to place where we were saying, ‘What do we do?’” Medley said. “We asked God, ‘What do you want us to do?’”

Watching God work in ‘incredible’ ways

What came next could only be described as God taking over — from providing, at zero cost to the church, a professional construction manager, free labor from experienced builders, and even drywall specialists from Missouri who offered a hand.

“The way God has done this has been incredible,” Medley said. “In desperation we were about to sign with a construction management team that we couldn’t afford. We might not make it past blueprints. I get a phone call from a Christian man in the community who is a professional construction manager. He said he would donate all his services for free but wanted to keep his name out of it. He is meeting with us in a meeting at least once a week and working daily at no cost.”

Medley said he was having coffee with a gentleman who previ-

ously worked with the North American Mission Board who asked him how it was going at the church. The pastor told him the church badly needed a sanctuary and he wasn’t sure what was going to happen.

The friend who worked with NAMB was on a hunting trip with the assistant director of Chilton Baptist Builders, a group of 100 to 125 skilled laborers out of Georgia. After a church had cancelled a project that was scheduled for June, the group came to Kentucky, looked at Mt. Zion’s grounds and blueprints and offered its services — again at no cost.

“We went from thinking if we had a miracle, we might do something in 2026 to having four months to get this ready,” Medley said.

The ball was rolling fast, the pastor said.

‘Pastor, is God in this?’

Phase I of the project is getting the shell and rough framing done inside and funds are already allotted, Medley said. “We have a team in church looking at every possible option.”

Medley said a church member asked him last Wednesday, “Pastor, is God in this?”

The pastor told him he would be a “failure

and horrible sinful man” if he went forward with this without God being in it.

“We’re literally seeing our needs provided as we progress forward,” Medley said. “It has been incredible. God is out-running us. Before we can have the meeting, God sends the answer. I’ve never seen anything like it.”

The pastor said the church had insurance money and donations not only from church members but from others throughout the U.S. immediately after the tornado struck the church in 2019. Medley was an associate pastor at a church in nearby Marshall County when it happened.

He had some previous ties to Mt. Zion, including his brother and sister-in-law coming to faith at the church.

“I came out of the Army and the next day started on staff at a church,” he said. “The senior pastor left a couple of months later. The former pastor and youth pastor at Mt. Zion took me in a little bit, checking on me all the time. So, we had some distant history with Mt. Zion. We heard about the tornado and saw the aftermath.”

‘Hero’ director still loving, protecting children

Michelle Rushing, the director of the

Mt. Zion Baptist Day Care, still works for the church. When the staff received notification of a tornado that Thursday morning, they implemented the evacuation plan and moved all the children and workers into the safe room. The twister hit about 10 minutes later.

Students and staff felt the building decompress and could hear glass breaking and other loud noises. The children became frightened when the power went off but Rushing kept them calm by singing songs with them including “Jesus Loves Me” and “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands.”

“She’s still here,” Medley said. “One of the most beautiful things I’ve seen was when we had a tornado warning. When it happens, if I’m on campus, I search the building and make sure everybody is OK. I came into the safe room and this girl, who five years ago went through the tornado, was dancing and singing and leading kids. She’d step behind a bookcase, out of sight to the kids but I was able to see her kneel to the floor and start bawling. She’d get up smiling and singing. That is a hero right there. She was fighting her own inner-battles and then standing in front of these kids to keep

them calm.”

The preschool has grown from 40 to 150 and there are 140 on the wait list, Medley said. The church will be making more space with the rebuild.

Church services have been held in the Family Life Center, a gymnasium building, since the 2019 tornado, he said. But the church needs a sanctuary.

“I’m thankful we have it but it’s not practical to use as both,” he said. “That building [the Family Life Center] was damaged, but we patched it up.”

If all goes to plan, Medley said they hope to have the first service in a new sanctuary at Christmas.

“That’s very ambitious but maybe not with the pace we’ve seen,” he said. “Six months ago, we didn’t have an architect.”

The church, he said, has been a blessing to others through it all. It helped Freemont Baptist in Boaz after it was hit with a tornado and donated \$15,000 to Kentucky Baptist Disaster Relief for a fund to help victims of the 2021 west Kentucky tornadoes.

“We’re looking at people still nursing their own wounds pouring out to others who have been through what they went through,” Medley said. “I’m so proud of them.”

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Ballard County

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Hickman County

Vickie Batts was named the recipient of the 2023 Citizen of the Year Award, announced at the Hickman County Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet at the Clinton Assembly of God Family Life Center.

Iron Banks Lodge in Columbus, Ky., has been sold and was finalized on Friday, March 8, transferred from former owner Joe Scott of Texas to Hank Ingram, founder and proprietor of OH Ingram River Aged.

Fulton County

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) plans an extended closure of all ramps at the Purchase Parkway/ KY 307 Fulton Exit 2 interchange starting Wednesday, March 13, 2024. The Purchase Parkway/ KY 307 Fulton Exit 2 interchange ramps will be closed for reconstruction of entry and exit ramps as part of ongoing work to allow Interstate 69 to be extended southward along the final 21 miles of the Purchase Parkway. There will be no Purchase Parkway access to or from KY 307 at Exit 2 during this work. There will be a marked detour via the

U.S. 51 Fulton Exit 1 interchange. The Purchase Parkway/ KY 307 Fulton Exit 2 interchange will remain closed for approximately 6 weeks with a target reopening date of April 26, 2024. Housing & Community Resource Fair will be held on Tuesday, March 19, from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Community Ventures and Rural Partners Network will hold a Housing and Community Resource Fair at the Pontotoc Center at 100 W. State Line St. in Fulton. This free event will connect Fulton County and surrounding area residents to important information about homeownership, lending, employment, mental health, and other services.

Graves County

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has approved more than \$4.8 million in recovery funds to replace the Mayfield First Methodist Church that was destroyed by the December 10, 2021 tornado. The church will use contractors to replace the church facility, interiors, services, and equipment including the foundation, columns, roofing, interior finishes, mechanical systems, and furnishing. The church’s M.P. Moller organ will also be replaced to match the original design, function, and capacity. Several types of stained glass and insulated windows with framing requirements, the church’s sign, foundation, lighting, and more will also be replaced.

Decisions that were made over the last three years are starting to pay off, for both local firefighters plus those in the community. The Mayfield-Graves County Fire Depart-

ment merged with three surrounding volunteer departments back in 2021, and again last year, 2023. They have now started to see a drop in their ISO fire score, which means lower insurance premiums for home and business owners. The new score is 5 out of 10, dropping by 2. This ISO rating reflects how prepared a community and area is for fires.

Livingston County

The Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services hosted a full scale trauma simulation with the fire department and EMS in front of the hospital at 11 am. The fire department and EMS assisted with a simulated car accident and extrication of patients. Since the trauma drill will be visible from the road and entrance of the hospital, LHHS wanted to alert the public that this session and others like this, are just a drill.

Crittenden County

There was recently a Go Fund Me launched in order to raise funding for the Phyllis Sykes Reading Garden, which will aid the Crittenden County Elementary School. Money raised from this will go to creating an outdoor space meant for students to read. It is also a memorial for the late Phyllis Sykes, a Marion City Council member and former first grade educator.

Lyon County

The Lyon County Judge Executive announced that recycling is now open to the public as of March 6. This was after the recycling facility announced its upcoming closure, which affected counties across Western Kentucky. This is a

temporary solution to the problem, and only cardboard, aluminum cans and paper can be accepted at this time. Soon, they will be able to take on electronics, such as water heaters and washing machines.

Caldwell County

The Caldwell County Sheriff’s office informed citizens that there are 2023 property taxes currently unpaid. In accordance with legislation, tax bills will be subject to purchase by a third party after it is transferred to the County Clerk’s office on April 15, 2024. At that time, a substantial amount of penalties, interest, and fees will be added to the amount due. If a bill is purchased by a third party, an additional cost will be incurred to redeem the bill and fulfill this obligation.

Trigg County

The City of Cadiz stated that 2024 will bring on a new look and rebrand to Cadiz On Main. This update will include an interactive website featuring Main Street businesses, Cadiz Main Street Market (Farmers Market), a Cadiz Events Calendar and more. The city also wants the public’s photos featured of the downtown area, and has asked that they submit them with the photographer tag to be featured on the new website launching very soon.

Marshall County

The Preston Cope Foundation came together with the Lake Area Athletics Foundation to provide the Doctor’s Park in Calvert City, Ky. with two brand new L-Screens for the baseball fields. These will protect our community coaches, moms, dads, and everyone

throwing BP to players in our community!

A missing man out of Marshall County was found safe. According to the Marshall County Sheriff’s Office, the man was last seen on the morning, of March 8 by his sister and has now been found safe and sound.

Calloway County

The Executive Director Lisa Copeland of Playhouse in the Park, will be leaving the organization after more than 15 years. Copeland will remain at Playhouse in the Park for a transition period as the board forms the committee to identify the next executive director. Under Copeland’s guidance, Playhouse received recognition and support from patrons, grantmakers, and the entire Murray community for its artistic excellence and community impact.

Since the MSU Ed.D. program started admitting students in 2014, there have been 253 doctoral students enrolled. The program admits students in both the fall and spring semesters and admits around 30-40 students per year. The current enrollment for the MSU Ed. D is 108. Of that 108, 66 students are working on their dissertations, while 42 have not yet begun. 113 students have completed their dissertations, 20 of which were started for the 2023-2024 academic year, while 12 dissertations are expected to be finished this semester. Fifteen to 20 graduates are anticipated for the 2023-2024 academic year.

Murray High School was the top-performing school on Math Day, hosted by the Murray State University Department of Mathematics

and Statistics. Murray High School was one of 10 western Kentucky high schools that participated with 175 students and 17 teachers. Team competition winners who got first place include Nate Dyer Malaika Gachoka, Ayva Pemble-Conley, and Tony Pfannerstil; third place: Isabelle Bourne, Tatum Faulkner, Preston Key, and Adeline Pitman. Group scores: Murray Green, first, 26 points: (Tony Pfannerstil, Malaika Gachoka, Ayva Pemble-Conley, and Nate Dyer); Murray Purple, third, 20 points: (Preston Key, Isabelle Bourne, Tatum Faulkner, and Adeline Pitman.)

The new Texas Roadhouse in Murray, KY held its ribbon cutting on, Monday, March 11, 2024. They are located at 801, Walmart Drive, and their doors are now open to the public!

Calloway County school officials became aware of a photo taken and posted on social media depicting a firearm on Calloway County High School property. The students who were involved had been detained for questioning by school officials and local law enforcement. There ended up being no immediate threat to students at Calloway County High School.

Calloway County Fire-Rescue held its largest recruit camp to date, with a total of 22 new members in attendance. CCFR Public Relations Officer Taylor Black said that in addition to the 22 members joining the department to better serve Calloway County, a member of Graves County’s Cuba Fire Department attended to get in his required training hours.

WKCTC celebrates national school counseling week

By Alexa Tabor
KPI Staff

As National School Counseling Week, WKCTC gave public recognition to a few of the many high school counselors in the region who assist students in making the decision to attend

WKCTC. This nationally recognized day is to bring public attention on the unique contribution of school counselors within U.S. school systems. It also highlights the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school

success and plan for a career. The counselors WKCTC recognized were Kara Curran from Ballard Memorial High School, Wendy Yates from Community Christian Academy and Alecia Cherry from Northside Baptist Christian School. “In my 10 years at WKCTC, our area

school counselors have absolutely spoiled me with their support of WKCTC,” said interim director of admissions Sarita Buchanan. “They are all so welcoming and have come to feel like family to me. Our counselors are a huge reason that so many students choose

WKCTC. They understand the value of the education WKCTC offers and they are huge advocates for us.” Studies show that high school counselors have a tremendous impact on guiding their students to careers and college. For example, counselors typically give

advice to students on their financial aid, the pathway to scholarships, and even assist with college application fee waivers. They sometimes also help prepare students for college by either writing recommendations or proofreading students essays.

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Helping your child through a Traumatic Experience

By Audrey Bowlds,
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As parents and caregivers, we definitely want our children to feel safe, happy, protected and cared for. However, we can’t always be with our children as much as we’d like. Children are faced with making choices on their own every day at school, friends’ houses, summer camps, on social media, and even at home when parents are away. Every choice a child makes has consequences, either positive or negative. Unfortunately, between peer pressures, social media influence, and

immaturity, children sometimes make a choice that leads to a traumatic experience. Even if we are with our children, a traumatic event such as a car crash, witnessing a robbery, or sheltering together at home during a weather disaster could occur. After a traumatic experience, children can show signs of anxiety, depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, intense emotional upset, academic and attention difficulties, nightmares, and changes in their sleeping and eating habits. No matter what traumatic experience took place, a child might react differently than others involved in the same experience.

Everyone experiences trauma and deals with the aftermath in their own way, whether they experienced it together or not. Children are often more resilient than adults when dealing with a traumatic experience. Because the neural pathways of their young brains are still developing, it is very important to seek out mental health counseling for a child after this type of event. The more we engage and reinforce healthy pathways, the better we can support the mental and emotional well-being of the child. Although we never want to think about our children being in a traumatic situation, there are resources

to utilize if needed. Along with seeking out a therapist or mental health counselor for your child, you can also help them through their healing journey. It is important to talk about the traumatic event with your child, even if it is uncomfortable. If you do not openly talk about the event with your child, it will be harder for them to accept what happened and move on from the experience. You should take their feelings seriously. You may have to reassure your child repeatedly and listen to the same concerns. They might want to talk repeatedly about

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BALLARD COUNTY

March 24

Easter Egg Hunt at New Hope Baptist Church in Monkeys Eyebrow. Everyone invited!

March 24

House Of Prayer at 6070 Paducah Rd, LaCenter, Ky. is having an Easter egg hunt March 24th at 4 pm. We will have hot dogs, chips and cookies along with a lot of candy filled eggs. Everyone is invited. Bring your children for a good time.

March 31

Community Easter Sunrise Service to be held this year at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 624 Broadway, LaCenter, at 6:30 am with a reception following. Please plan to join our community on this special morning celebrating our Risen Savior.

April 7 & 8

Solar Eclipse at the Cross
On Sunday night April 7 at 5 p.m. there will be food, gospel music and preaching at the Ft. Jefferson Cross in Wickliffe. Bring a lawn chair.
Then on Monday April 8 at 11am there will be lunch, gospel music, preaching and Eclipse viewing. Glasses provided. Bring lawn chair. Parking limited, please park at Wickliffe City Park starting at 9 am and wait for bus shuttle to the Cross.

April 8

Visit Wickliffe Mounds State Historic Site with a great viewing area for the solar eclipse on April 8, 2024. Wickliffe Mounds will be open for visitors to set up their own viewing area with space available on the grounds and picnic tables on a first come, first serve basis. Bring your own lawn chairs or picnic blankets as you like.

April 8

City of Barlow Eclipse Viewing with vendors, food, and fun!

April 13

Bandana Day! Parade begins at 10 am in Bandana, Ky. Everyone is welcome for entertainment, Food vendors and Sale Vendors. Bouncy houses, Pet Parade for kids, Silent Auction. All proceeds go to Beautification of Bandana.

April 27

Wildlife of Wickliffe Mounds (10:00AM & 2:00PM)
Wildlife education program. Learn about the natural wildlife of Wickliffe Mounds and how Native People of the Mississippian culture interacted with their environment almost 1,000 years ago. Also includes an Arrow the Corn Snake program. This 45 minute program is free with paid museum admission.

May 4

The Kentucky Veteran & Patriot Museum in Wickliffe will celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the WWII DC Trip. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more info Call Sandy Hart at 270-210-2452.

All Ballard County Fiscal Court meetings take place at 1718 Barlow Road, Wickliffe, the 1st and 3rd Tuesday, except November, 2024.

Meetings are:
March 19 at 09:00 a.m.
April 2 at 5:00 p.m.
April 16 at 09:00 a.m.
May 7 at 5:00 p.m.
May 21 at 09:00 a.m.
June 4 at 5:00 p.m.

CALLOWAY COUNTY

March 16, Easter Market, Chadwick Sheep Company, 9 a.m.

March 16, DIY-U Kids': Playful Garden Cart, Lowes, 10 a.m.

March 16, Band & Orchestra Bash, Cadd Music Studios, 10 a.m.

March 16, Family Story Time: Imaginary Creatures, CCPL, 10:30 a.m,

March 16, Saturday Storytime, Bolin Books, 11 a.m.

March 16, Little Landscapes, Murray Art Guild, 1 p.m.

March 16, Playhouse Presents: Old Duffers & Powder Puffers, 2:30 p.m.

March 16, Wade Hayes, TN River Jamboree, 5 p.m

March 17, Words & Images: A Poetry & Art Journaling Workshop, Murray Art Guild, 1 p.m.

March 19, Coffee & Conversation Book Club, CCPL

March 19, Brown Bag Book Club, CCPL, 12 p.m.

March 19, Wheel Throwing Tuesdays, Murray Art Guild, 6 p.m.

March 16

Tennessee River Jamboree with Wade Hayes and a special appearance by Matt Boone (www.mattboonemusic.com). March 16 at 5 p.m. at 5144 Faxon Rd., Murray, KY. Doors open at 4 p.m. Tickets available at www.tennesseeriverjamboree.com www.rebecaandjamey.com

CARLISLE COUNTY

Carlisle County Senior Citizens Board Meeting 9 a.m., Bardwell.

Carlisle County Museum and Library Board meetings are on the third Tuesday each month at 5 p.m., at the CCML building in Bardwell. The public is invited to attend.

Carlisle County Extension Office
Tabletop Farming Club is a great way to show off you 5- 14 year old's interest in model miniature farms, while also fostering new friendships and a sense of community. If your child is interested in this please call our office at 270-628-5458.

4-H Camp Sign-up: Call the Carlisle County Extension Office for more information: 270-628-5458. Camp dates are May 27-30, 2024.

GRAVES COUNTY

March 16, Helen LaFrance Children's Book Discussion & Signing, GCPL, 10:30 p.m.

March 16, Lucky You 5K, 12 p.m.

March 18, Mayfield Trade Day, Mayfield Graves Co. Fairgrounds, 5 a.m.

March 19, Bingo Night, GCPL, 5 p.m.

March 21, Story Hour: Dr. Suess Birthday Celebration, 10 a.m.

March 21, Greeting Card Class, GC Extension Office, 5:30 p.m.

March 27

The Mayfield Middle School Site Based Decision Making Council will meet on Wednesday, March 27, 2024. The meeting will begin at 3 p.m. in the middle school conference room.

June 6-8

Wingo Lions Club
The 92nd Anniversary of WINGO TRADE DAY will be June 6th, 7th, and 8th, 2024

HOPKINS COUNTY

April 27

April 27, 2024 from 10 am to 1 pm
Spring Shred Day at Parkway Plaza Mall. Limit 5 boxes per person. 401 Madison Square Dr, Madisonville, KY

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

March 23

Salem Masonic Lodge No. 81
Monthly Breakfast March 23, 2024, 7-10 am, \$6, All You Can Eat All are welcome.Salem Masonic Lodge, 237 W. Main St, Salem, KY

April 13

Community Dance on Sat April 13th 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Grand Rivers Community Center, 155 W Cumberland Ave, Grand Rivers, KY 42045, US

April 27 - 2024 Bluegrass, Brew, & BBQ Festival April 27 - 28.

April 24 - Grand Rivers Quilt Show, April 24 - 27

MARSHALL COUNTY

March 16, Adorn Women's Conference, Pathway Baptist, 8 a.m.

March 16, Warriors for James-Benefit Singing, Lakeland Event Center, 6 p.m.

March 16, St. Patty's Day Party, Between the Lakes Tap House, 9 p.m.

March 16, Todd Belt, Ralph's Harborview Bar & Grill, 7 p.m.

March 17, Apt. B, Dam Brewhaus, 4 p.m.

March 18, Pesticide Private Applicator, MC Extension Office, 8:30 a.m.

March 20, Raising the Steaks Breakfast, MC Extension Office, 8:30 a.m.

March 20, Master Gardener Library Lessons-Vegetable Gardening, MC Extension Office, 10 a.m.

March 16

Warrior for James Benefit Singing
Saturday, March16 at Lakeland Event Center, 4800 US Hwy. 62 Calvert City. Singing will begin at 6 p.m. The event will benefit James Solomon and feature performances by the Liberty Boys and His Story. For more information: call Pat (270) 205 - 5078 or Chelsy (270) 906-0166.

March 16

Friends of LBL Car Show
March 16, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (rain date: March 23) Fenton Kentucky 68/80 Bridge. \$5 entry to the show.
Come see classic cars, street rods, sports cars, trucks, motorcycles and Jeeps. There will be food trucks, music, LBLA gift shop, and People's Choice awards. Bring the kids to see Smokey Bear.

\$20 contest entry. This is an outdoor show. Proceeds will go to the non-profit Land Between the Lakes Association. For more information: friendsoflbl.org/carshow or call 314-910-0820.

APRIL 20

Relax & Re-Wine at Poca Terra Winery. Enjoy an evening at the vineyard with live music by The River Dust Duo, food options offered by Cartwright's Kitchen, and wine for purchase by the glass or bottle. 5pm-8pm. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, or call ahead to reserve a table. No outside food or beverages allowed. Learn more at pocaterrawinery.com, Facebook, or call 270-493-2682.

MAY 18

Relax & Re-Wine at Poca Terra Winery. Enjoy an evening at the vineyard with live music by Ryan Gilchrist, food options offered by Burgers on Wheels, and wine for purchase by the glass or bottle. 5pm-8pm. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, or call ahead to reserve a table. No outside food or beverages allowed.

JUNE 15

Relax & Re-Wine at Poca Terra Winery. Enjoy an evening at the vineyard with live music by Lew Jetton, food options offered by Chimney's Food Truck, and wine for purchase by the glass or bottle. 6pm-9pm. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, or call ahead to reserve a table. No outside food or beverages allowed. Learn more at pocaterrawinery.com, Facebook, or call 270-493-2682.

JULY 20

Relax & Re-Wine at Poca Terra Winery. Enjoy an evening at the vineyard with live music by Melanie Davis, food options offered by Amazin' Blaze Bar-B-Que, and wine for purchase by the glass or bottle. 6pm-9pm. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, or call ahead to reserve a table. No outside food or beverages allowed.


AUGUST 17

Relax & Re-Wine at Poca Terra Winery. Enjoy an evening at the vineyard with live music by Daniel Neihoff, food options offered by HandHeld Food Truck, and wine for purchase by the glass or bottle. 6pm-9pm. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, or call ahead to reserve a table. No outside food or beverages allowed. Learn more at pocaterrawinery.com, Facebook, or call 270-493-2682.

thank you

Larry Polivick and his family would like to extend their sincere gratitude to **Diann Holt, Glenda Tankersley, Dorothy Puckett, Peggy Robertson, Jimmie & Jane Polivick and Blandville Baptist Church** for hosting a benefit fundraiser for our family. Without the church and community members it would not have been as successful as it was. Many of you donated food and desserts. Thanks to all who brought in donations to our family that night. Our hearts were touched and spirits were lifted as we listened to Homemade Jam, The Gage Boys, April Jewell and Adrienne Lee; with the sound ran by Tim Batts & Kevin Davis. Your time and talents are very much appreciated and was enjoyed by all that evening. Your support of our family during these last few months and donations in memory of our beloved wife and mother are truly appreciated. Your words have comforted us, your support has strengthened us, and your love has sustained us. **Thank you for your kindness during our greatest sadness. We appreciate it more than words can express and it will always be remembered.**


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• BALLARD •

Sue Beardsley, 79, of Wickliffe, passed away at her residence on March 6, 2024. Funeral services were held on March 9, 2024, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Wickliffe. Burial at Bethlehem Cemetery, Wickliffe.

Paul Daniel Whitaker Sr., 68, of Bandana, passed away unexpectedly on March 5, 2024. Funeral services were held March 9, 2024, at Morrow Funeral Chapel in LaCenter. Interment at LaCenter Cemetery.

David D. Alvey, 66, of Wickliffe, passed away March 4, 2024, at Mercy Health Lourdes. Funeral services were held March 8, 2024, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah.

• CARLISLE •

Billie Jean Allcock, 90, of Bardwell, passed away on March 6, 2024, at Countryside Nursing and Rehabilitation A graveside service was held on March 8, 2024, at Zoar Cemetery.

• FULTON/HICKMAN •

Mr. George Wayne Scott, 63, of Clinton, passed away March 8, 2024, at his residence. Celebration of Life Services will be held at a later date and announced by the Brown Funeral Home of Clinton.

• GRAVES •

Mauddean Harrison, 93, of Melber, passed away March 8, 2024, at Green Acres Healthcare. Funeral services were held March 11, 2024, at Melber Church of Christ. Burial at Kansas Cemetery.

Darlene Hurt Arnett passed away to meet her Lord in person March 5, 2024. A celebration of life was held March 10, 2024 at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield. Burial followed in the Symsonia Cemetery.
Rosemary Ann Oxx, 61, of Mayfield, passed away March 4, 2024, at the TriStar Centennial Medical Center in Nashville, TN. A celebration of life service is being planned for a later date. Details will be announced as soon as they are finalized by the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield.

Mrs. Beverly Jane Brewer, 81, peacefully passed away on March 3, 2024, in Arlington, TX. Graveside services will be held at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 16, 2024, at Highland Park Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 1 until 3:00 p.m. Saturday, March 16, 2024, at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield.

Ms. Michelle Ring Erwin, 65, of Mayfield, passed away February 29, 2024, at the Clinton Place in Clinton. There will be no services held at the funeral home.

• CALLOWAY •

Ms. Jessica H. Simpson, 42, of Murray, passed away on March 1, 2024, at TriStar Summit Medical Center in Nashville. A celebration of her life will be held at a later date. Imes Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Kim Wallis, 79, of Murray, passed away, March 11, 2024, while in hospice care in Murray. Arrangements are currently incomplete at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

Mrs. Sheila Gray Branham, 70, of Dexter, passed away on March 8, 2024, at the Marshall County Hospital in Benton. A funeral service was held on March 13, 2024, at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home. Burial followed in the Bazzell Cemetery.
Mr. Dennis Earl Vaughn, 74, of Almo, passed away, March 8, 2024, at Spring Creek Healthcare in Murray. There will be a private family graveside service held at Shiloh Cemetery. J.H. Churchill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Wayne Christopher Lenton, Sr., 67 of Murray, died March 7, 2024, at the Murray Callo-way County Hospital. A memorial service was held on March 12, 2024, at the West Fork Baptist Church

Mrs. Pattie Cooper Montgomery, 69, of Murray, passed away, March 7, 2024, at her home. A memorial service was held on March 11, 2024, at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

Mr. William Charles Underhill, 92, of Murray, passed away on March 6, 2024, at his home. A funeral service was held on March 10, 2024, at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home. Burial followed in the Elm Grove Cemetery with full military honors.

James Cory White, 39, of Margate, FL, formerly of Murray, passed away on March 4, 2024, in FL. A funeral service was held on March 11, 2024, at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home.

Ms. Betty Travis, 91, of Almo, passed away on March 11, 2024, while in assisted living in Murray. Arrangements are currently incomplete at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

• CALDWELL •

Mattie Lumural Slaughter Samuel, 81, of Princeton, passed away on March 6, 2024, at her home. A memorial service will be held at a later

date. Morgan’s Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

• CHRISTIAN •

James W. “Jimmy” Martin, Sr., 85, of Hopkinsville, passed away March 7, 2024, at Christian Health Center. The family has chosen cremation with a celebration of life to be held at a later date.
Stephen A. Moore, 71, of Herndon, passed away March 7, 2024, at a nursing and rehab. The family has chosen cremation with a celebration of life to be held at a later date.

Michael Sandifer, 57, of Hopkinsville, passed away March 6, 2024, at his home. A graveside service was held on March 11, 2024, at Green Hill Memorial Gardens. Lamb Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Claire McAleer, 83, of Pembroke, died on March 2, 2024 at her residence. No services will be held. Dogwood Funerals & Cremations of Hopkinsville is assisting with arrangements.

Terrill Snodgrass, 70, of Greenville, passed peacefully on March 3, 2024, at his home. Memorial services were held on March 9, 2024 at Mercer Missionary Baptist Church.

William Edwards Carson, 93, of Hopkinsville, formerly of Danville, VA, died March 3, 2024, at Alive Hospice in Nashville, TN. Services will be held March 25, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. at Highland Burial Park in Danville, VA. Dogwood Funerals and Cremations of Hopkinsville, will be assisting with arrangements.

Omar Eugene Mathews, Jr., 74, of Cadiz, died on March 3, 2024 at TriStar Skyline Medical Center in Nashville, TN. Funeral services were held on March 8, 2024, at Dogwood Funerals & Cremations of Hopkinsville. Burial followed in Green Hill Memorial Gardens.

Herbert Latney Hayes, 95, of Greenville, died March 4, 2024, at his residence. No services will be held. Dogwood Funerals & Cremations of Crofton is assisting with arrangements.

• CRITTENDEN •

Rebecca Jean Cordell, 68, of Marion, passed away March 8, 2024. Services were held March 10, 2024, at Gilbert Funeral Home.

• HENDERSON •

Phillip Lee Armstrong, 62, of Henderson, passed away March 3, 2024, at Deaconess Gateway in Newburgh, IN. Funeral Services were held on March 6, 2024 at Tomblinson Funeral Home. Burial followed at Roselawn Memorial Gardens.

Linda Carol (Middleton) Cummings, 75, of Henderson, passed away March 3, 2024, at Deaconess Henderson Hospital. Graveside services were held on March 6, 2024, at Fairmont Cemetery.

Terrance Richard Abell, 65, of Henderson, passed away on March 6, 2024. By Terrance’s request there will be no services. Tomblinson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Arthur Hayden Carver, 93, of Slaughters, passed away March 8, 2024, at his home under hospice care. Services were held on Friday, March 15, 2024, at Slaughters Baptist Church. Burial followed in Slaughters Cemetery with military rites conducted by the Hopkins County Honor Guard.

Joseph Marion Todd, Jr., 55, of Sebree, passed away March 9, 2024. Funeral services were held on March 14, 2024, at Tomblinson Funeral Home, Sebree Chapel. Burial followed at Springdale Cemetery.

Shirley Ann Cobb, 76, died March 5, 2024, at her home surrounded by family. A celebration of life was held on March 8, 2024, at First Christian Church in Henderson. Interment followed at St. Louis Cemetery in Henderson.

• HOPKINS •

David Owen Laffoon, 61, of Suthards, KY, passed away on March 6, 2024, at his home. Funeral services were held on March 9, 2024, at Reid-Walters Funeral Home in Earlington. Burial followed at Old Suthards Cemetery in Suthards.

John “Johnny” Smiley, 74, of Madisonville, passed away on March 8, 2024, at a Madisonville hospital. Funeral services were held on March 10, 2024, at Barnett-Strother Funeral Home. Burial followed at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens.

Charles Douglas “Bubby” Kurtz, 80, of Madisonville, passed away on March 8, 2024, at Deaconess Gateway in Evansville, IN. Funeral services were held on March 13, 2024 at Barnett-Strother Funeral Home. Burial followed in Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens.

Mickey Wayne Cansler, 72, of Madisonville, passed away on March 10, 2024, at The Hartford House in Owensboro, KY. Funeral services were held on March 14, 2024, at Barnett Strother Funeral Home. Burial followed at Bethlehem Church Cemetery in Wickliffe.

Arnetta Mayjo Clark Armstead, 91, of Henderson, passed away on March 7, 2024, at Lucy

Smith King Care Center in Henderson. Funeral arrangements are currently incomplete at Elliott-Bowles Mortuary in Madisonville.

Daniel Thomas Guasp, 22 of Nortonville, passed away Saturday, March 2, 2024, at Vanderbilt Hospital. Service were held on March 7, 2024 at Union Crossroads General Baptist Church in Nortonville. Burial followed at the church cemetery.

Mark Antonio Merrell, 69, of Mannington passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, March 9, 2024. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Bandy Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

• LYON •

Wanda Lee Phelps Beck passed away peacefully on March 9, 2024. Visitation was at Morgan’s Funeral Home on Wednesday, March 13, 2024.

Nona Christine Akridge, 88, passed away March 10, 2024. Visitation was held March 13, at Lakeland Funeral Home in Eddyville.

• McCRACKEN •

Erik Keith Wicker, passed away March 6, 2024, at Long Island Jewish Forest Hills Hospital in Queens, NY after an extensive and brave battle with cancer. Visitation will be held on Saturday, March 16 at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah at 11:00 a.m. Friends and family are invited to a graveside service at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens at 12:30 p.m. A Celebration of Life gathering will be held at St. Thomas More Catholic Church parish hall where lunch will be served immediately following the graveside service.

Richard Howard Crenshaw, 86, of Paducah, passed away March 6, 2024 at his home. A graveside funeral service with military honors was held March 12, 2024 at Maplelawn Park Cemetery.

Mary Armstrong Hammond, 68, of Paducah, peacefully left this world on March 3, 2024, at her home. A memorial service was held on March 8, 2024, at Grace Episcopal Church.

Sandra Jacqueline “Jackie” Collie, 84, of Paducah, passed away March 7, 2024, at Parkview Nursing Home & Rehabilitation Center in Paducah. Graveside services were held March 10, 2024 at Wallace Cemetery in Symsonia.

Jamie Lynn Henderson, 51, of Paducah, passed away March 4, 2024, at his residence. A celebration of life was held on March 11, 2024 at 6th Street, Cobb Park.

• TRIGG •

Daniel Bruce Perez, 64, of Cadiz passed away March 8, 2024 at his home. There will be no services. King’s Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

• UNION •

Mary Frances Holmberg (Braddock), 104, died March 4, 2024 at Deaconess Gateway Hospital in Newburgh, IN. A Celebration of Life service was held March 11, 2024 at Holy Name Catholic Church in Henderson.

Kathryn Ann Quirey passed away on March 5, 2024. A gravesite memorial service was held on March 9, 2024, at Pythian Ridge Cemetery in Sturgis.

Mary Nell Spencer Lockyear Tingle, 89, of Evansville, IN, passed away March 6, 2024, at Primrose Health Care in Newburgh, IN. Private services will be held at a later date and she will be interred in Odd Fellows Cemetery in Morganfield, KY. Whitsell Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Jimmie A. Cartwright, 80, of Henderson, passed away March 7, 2024 at Owensboro Health Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held on March 11, 2024 at Whitsell Funeral Home. Burial will be in Corydon Cemetery at a later date.

Agatha Janice French Luckett, 91, of Morganfield, passed away March 8, 2024, at an Evansville hospital. Funeral services were held on March 12, 2024, at the St. Agnes Parrish Hall in Uniontown, KY. Burial followed in St. Agnes Cemetery in Uniontown.

• WEBSTER •

Calvin Neal Dame, 64, of Hanson, KY, passed away on March 8, 2024. Graveside services will be Sunday, March 24, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. at Old Salem Cemetery in Hanson. Vanover Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Ruby Harrison, 88, of Providence, passed away on March 2, 2024, at Shemwells Health Care in Providence. Graveside services were held on March 11, 2024, in the Fox Cemetery. Melton Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mary “Patsy” L. Fagan Wells, 82, of Slaughters, passed away on March 4, 2024, at her home. A funeral service was held on March 11, 2024, in the chapel of Harris Funeral Home. Burial followed at Slaughters Cemetery.

Howard “Howie” Williams, 77, of Madisonville,

ONLINE ONLY AUCTION
STARTS TO CLOSE: Mon., March 25 @ 5:30 p.m. cst
Tools-Furnishings-Etc will start to close at 6 p.m. cst
Location: 835 Wright Rd, Salem, KY

(From Hwy 60 in Salem take Lola Rd. (133) 4.5 miles turn left onto Wright Rd go 1.5 miles propert on the right)

This is a 1999 Fleetwood Lake Point manufactured home with approximately 1,792 square feet of living space including 3 bedrooms and 2 full baths. Master bedroom with sitting area and walk-in closet and soaking garden tub, 16.8 acres in rural Crittenden Co. near the Livingston Co. line, Large eat-in kitchen, spacious laundry room, living room with gas fireplace, propane tank 70% full, blacktop road frontage, large private yard with garden area, 8 + acres open for pasture or tillable acreage, metal roof, AC unit new in 2020, Detached building, abundant wildlife, private and secluded area.

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passed away on March 6, 2024, at Ridgewood Terrace Health and Rehabilitation in Madisonville. A funeral service was held March 13, 2024, in the chapel of Harris Funeral Home. Burial followed at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West, Hopkinsville, with military honors conducted by the United States Army.

Brenda Lee Adkins Mills, 64, of Nebo, passed away on March 7, 2024, at her home. A

memorial service was held March 12, 2024, in the chapel of Harris Funeral Home.

Jerry Wayne Clayton, 74, of Madisonville, passed away on March 9, 2024, at Baptist Health Madisonville. A funeral service was held on March 14, 2024, in the chapel of Harris Funeral Home. Burial followed at Concord Cemetery in Manitou, KY.

Mary Evelyn Gooch Williams, 82, of Madisonville, passed away on March 10, 2024, at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville. A

graveside service was held on March 12, 2024, at Rose Creek Cemetery in Nebo.

Linda Hubbard, 72, of Madisonville, passed away on March 11, 2024, at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville. Arrangements are currently pending at Harris Funeral Home.

Terri Bundy, 71, of Hopkinsville, passed away on March 11, 2024, at Heartford House in Owensboro. Arrangements are currently pending at Harris Funeral Home.

Youth First
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their traumatic experience, or maybe not at all. Either way, it is important that you check in with them and make sure they feel safe.

According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), more than two thirds of children reported at least one traumatic experience by age sixteen. The reality is that traumatic experiences happen every day, and while it is frightening to think about, it is important to know how to help a child if needed. The child might not fully recover or completely forget about their traumatic experience, but with the resourc-

es mentioned in this article, they will most definitely be able to live a happier, more fulfilling life.

Audrey Bowlds, MSW, LSW, is a Youth First Social Worker at Oak Hill Elementary School in Vanderburgh County. Youth First, Inc., is a nonprofit dedicated to strengthening youth and families. Youth First provides 90 highly trained mental health professionals (primarily master's level social workers), prevention programs, parent

engagement coordinators, and bilingual support personnel to 125 schools across 14 Indiana counties. Over 50,000 youth and families per year are served by Youth First's school-based social work and community programs that promote mental health, prevent substance misuse, and maximize student success. To learn more about Youth First, visit youthfirstinc.org or call 812-421-8336.

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TERMS: Pick up time is Tuesday January 23rd from 10AM to 5PM. Cash, check, and or credit card (3% charge) when you pick up your items. A 10% buyers premium & 7% sales tax will be charged for this consignment online auction. Shipping is not available. Any announcements made day of auction shall take precedence over any verbal or printed material.
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Parcel #: 078-00-00-011.01

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LIVINGSTON CIRCUIT COURT

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Property Address: 415 Court Street, Smithland, Kentucky 42081
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Seize the morning, it will make a difference

By Teresa A. LeNeave
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Psalm 5:3
Morning by morning, O Lord, you hear my voice; morning by morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation. NIV

We hear this all the time: how you begin your day determines your attitude for the day. I believe that is true, but there have been times when I just finished my prayer time and within minutes was very angry about something. Life doesn't always purr like a well-maintained engine, but its sure better when you take time to pray. A person's world can turn upside down

at any moment and our attitude may get a real aggressive test. You may start with a peaceful morning and get terrible news by noon. I guess that's why I value my mornings. It's the quiet before the storm. It's the time before the scramble and busyness of the day. It's the when we get busy doing four or five things at a time. We need a moment of peace and quiet and there is no better time than the mornings. The absolute best thing about mornings, to me, is the peace of sun shining through the windows and spending time with God. Psalms 5:3. *"My voice shalt thou hear in the morning. O Lord in the morning will I*

direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up" (KJV). That is such an amazing statement. We're telling God, he's going to hear from us every morning. Even if its just a "Lord, help me today". Lord, you're going to hear from me. I will, ON PURPOSE, direct my prayer to you ... and I'll look to you to show up throughout my day. I'm expecting you, Lord, to show up today. In verse 8, *"Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies: make your way straight before my face"*. Most of us need our way made straight. The morning scramble to get kids off to school, or yourself to work can be stressful, but when we begin each day by



letting God hear our voice, we can expect an otherwise hectic day to take on some peace. The second great thing about morning is that "His mercy is new every morning". I, for one, want and

need God's mercy and to think that its renewed morning by morning is so comforting. And, to imagine his mercy endures forever is mind boggling. (Ps 118:29). No one else's mercy last forever, but God's does.

For these moments, in the morning, let us all give thanks that he is a loving God, a forgiving God, and a merciful God. (Psalm 145:8). Thank him for the mornings. Seize the morning.

Pulling down strongholds within our minds

By William F. Holland Jr. Ph.D.

The Human experience includes the standard requirement to choose right and wrong and has always been accountable when it comes to good and evil. Each of us has the free will to choose how we live and no matter how much we brag about being independent, there is no such thing as walking through this life refusing to be accountable to God. Every self-governing and self-reliant person who has ever lived does not have the authority to be excused from God's judgment. It would seem that humans would understand there are only two choices in this life which is cooperating with God or fighting against Him. A good question is how many sincerely see this truth, and how many see it but refuse to deal with it? It's not a secret that people want freedom to speak, live, and worship this is why our ancestors began this great nation. Many have taken an even more extreme path by living off the grid so they can be free to do whatever they desire. However,

the ultimate freedom is spiritual and includes turning away from sin and yielding our will to God so we can enjoy the liberty of walking in His presence wherever we are. When we sing, "My chains are gone, I've been set free" it's a declaration that our carnality and the persuasions of evil are no longer holding us in the bondage of misery and depression. When God's truth sets us free, we are free indeed if we desire to be. The majority of the world would rather not dwell on the fact that someday they will give an account of their life. A convenient way to temporarily escape conviction is to block these thoughts from our minds and replace them with things that make us happy. We realize that unbelievers do this, but why would a follower of God not want to think about this? The basic reason is they refuse to give Him their heart. Our default nature has a sneaky self-preservation mode that gives us the capability to convince ourselves we are right when we are wrong. It's deadly but true that the un-renewed conscience can clever-

ly persuade the brain that we have fooled everyone. This is an intentional deception that justifies what is personally acceptable. A stronghold that needs to be broken. This ability to come up with excuses and override every voice of reason (including the Holy Spirit) can be blamed for much of why we are our own worst enemy. It's true, humans are smart and are often secretly proud that maybe they can hoodwink God. A fascinating aspect of this serious problem is that many individuals do not take sin seriously. We seem to be religious experts in comprehending what is right and wrong and are always first in line to judge others but have a tendency to be very lenient with who we are. Come to find out, we are not as smart as we thought. God is not only perfectly aware of how humans are wired but keeps track of every thought as the Bible says in Jeremiah 17:10, "I the Lord search the heart and examine the mind, to reward each person according to their conduct, according to what their deeds

deserve." He realizes how difficult it is for us to change, but He must retain the highest standard of purity to preserve the integrity of His absolute truth. It's true, His mercy endures forever but His grace does not give us a license to play games with secret sin. This transformation process to become holy as He is holy does not happen because it's a good idea, we are drawn into Him when we love Him with all of our mind, soul, and strength. Becoming an overcomer with Christ in this life will happen when our obedience to God becomes more important than allowing our rebellion to control us. The Bible is heavy on the theme of repenting which sadly is why it has more dust on its cover than the latest issue of National Geographic. It's also why watery religion is much more popular than taking up our cross and truly following Christ. We all

resist laying upon the altar and sacrificing our will to become a new creation, however, it's the way He demands. Living in denial and ignoring our accountability to God allows our old nature the perfect opportunity to ruin us in this life and possibly the next.

Dr. Holland is a licensed and ordained minister, Christian author, and chaplain. Read more about the Christian life at billy-hollandministries.com

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Ag Update

Submitted by Tom Miller, Ballard County Extension Agent for Ag and Natural Resources

Spring has sprung; time to mow your lawn

The smell of fresh cut grass wafting through the neighborhood is one of the surest signs of spring. You should already be thinking about lawn care since it's time to clip the grass for the first time. Your most important annual lawn duties begin with that first mowing.

The first mowing makes the lawn look spring-like and attractive and can improve the aesthetics and value of your property.

Subsequent regular mowing hardens the grass for drought and heat stresses that may occur later on. So when the first clump of grass grows above the mowing height, mow -- even if a lot of the yard doesn't need to be mowed yet.

Not all grasses start growing at the same time. Grass on northern slopes, or in heavy clay soil, will start growing several days later than others. Grass that wasn't fertilized in the fall or

early spring also has a delayed growth.

Following recommendations for mowing height and frequency will make your lawn-care duties easier and result in a more attractive yard.

If your mower has a fixed, all-year height, set it at two and one-half inches.

However, if you can easily vary the height, set it at 1.5 to two inches for the first several times you mow this spring. The shorter mowing height

will help remove a lot of the winter-burned, brown leaves. Exposing more dark green growth will transfigure your lawn into the most uniform, attractive one in the neighborhood. Move the height up to 2.5 inches after you mow the grass several times.

To protect your grass from summer heat and drought injury, when summer arrives raise the mower height to three or 3.5 inches. However, remember that extra high grass, especially tall fescue, tends to fall over and mat down during hot summer weather causing increased summer disease problems.

Once you get the mowing under way, you should mow often enough to remove no more than one-third to one-half of the grass height.

If your mower is set for two inches, mow again when grass height reaches approximately three inches. Be sure not to scalp the lawn by mowing off most of the green leaves.

For tall fescue lawns, a rule of thumb is to mow at five-day intervals during the spring, and at seven-day intervals the rest of the year. If you have a Kentucky bluegrass lawn, a seven-day interval usually is sufficient at a mowing height of 2.5 inches. That interval can probably be expanded during hot, dry weather.

For more information on lawn care, check out the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment's Turfgrass Science lawn care information website at <http://www.uky.edu/Ag/ukturf/lawns.html>.

Programs of the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of race, age, sex, color, religion, disability or national origin. For additional information, contact the your local county Extension Office.

Source: Greg Munshaw



outdoor truths ministries

By Gary Miller
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It seems like turkey season snuck up on me. Some southern states are either open now or are opening in a few days. My own area is about a month away, but that doesn't stop the gobblers from gathering up and scouting out the hens. Some hunters are spotting flocks of these birds right now in the fields. And the warm days are making it all come together. Spring is in the air, trees are blooming, the toms are gobbling, and the turkey hunters are as anxious as we have ever been. Some of my best hunting stories have come from my time chasing gobblers. There are hardly any hunts that don't have some unique twist to them. There are so many variables when hunting turkeys that anything can, and probably will, happen. I have made 50-yard shots at times, and then at other times I have been unable to get my gun on one when he's less than 10 yards away. There have been days when it seems I could have coughed, and they would have flown down to me. And other times when a real hen couldn't get an old gobbler to get anywhere near it. To me, turkey hunting is the most unpredictable hunting there is. And what makes it worse is that from a distance, it seems pretty cut-and-dry. From a distance, it seems if one just does the basics, everything should go as planned with very few heartaches. I got lost for a moment. I had to think if I was talking about turkey hunting, or life. In this respect they are closely related.

Life too, seems fairly simple from a distance. As a young adult, you look at things from that distance and think that if the basics are done, everything ought to fall in place with very few heartaches. We think if we just get an education, get a good job, manage our money, and stay away from questionable people and conduct, our lives ought to end up with a 3-bedroom 2-bath house, 2 cute children, a healthy marriage, a good income, and a comfortable retirement. Sounds easy enough -- until we get into the hunt. Or until we get into that adult life. It's then we realize it's harder than it looks. And sometimes we have unplanned successes and unanticipated failures. And some of those failures are not just over when the season is over, but they are carried over season after season. And soon we realize life is not as clean-cut as we thought, and there is nothing normal about this year -- or any year. But the good news is this. Our imaginations were not ones that came from reality or from God. If you think about it, no one has that life you imagined. It is not the norm. What's real and normal are lives that are made up of hurts, heartaches, and habits. And that's why Jesus said if we would come to Him, He would give us rest. Why? Because life, like turkey hunting, is unpredictably hard at times. And at the end of those days, there is nothing better than resting with the One who understands how hard life can really be.

Gary Miller has written Outdoor Truths articles for over 21 years. He has also written five books which include compilations of his articles and a father/son devotional. He also speaks at wild-game dinners and men's events for churches and associations

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Dr. Rand Paul meets with Christian County Citizens in Washington, D.C.



Recently, Rand Paul met with members of the Christian County Chamber of Commerce and Citizens for Fort Campbell during their visit to our nation's capital. "It's always great to meet with Kentuckians in Washington, hear about the issues most important to them and discuss my efforts in the Senate as I continue my work of putting Kentucky first." Sen. Paul said.

U.S. Census of Agriculture shows growth for Kentucky agricultural products

Almost half of Kentucky acreage involved in farming pursuit

FRANKFORT - With 69,425 farms dotting Kentucky's landscape and more than 12.4 million of the state's 25 million acres dedicated to some form of farming, it's evident Kentucky's roots are still very much agricultural. These numbers were just some of the statistics that came out of the recently released 2022 Census of Agriculture.

"It's no surprise agriculture is still very much a part of what makes Kentucky so special," Agriculture Commissioner Jonathan Shell said. "The numbers released by the Census solidifies Kentucky's agricultural hold. We know agriculture is a large part of our history, but these numbers show it is also moving our future forward."

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) conducts the Census of Agriculture every five years. The latest census data, which was collected in 2022, was released last week. The Census is a complete count of U.S. farms and ranches and the people who operate them. The Census looks at land use and ownership, operator characteristics, production practices, income, and expenditures. Using more than 6 million data points about America's farms and ranches and the people who operate them, information is gathered and calculating for every state down to the county level.

The data released for Kentucky shows a large growth in agricultural production at \$8 billion, up nearly 40 percent from 2017 figures. The market value of livestock and poultry sold in 2022 was \$4.2 billion, and the market value of crops sold was nearly \$3.8 billion. Net cash farm income in 2022 was \$2.4 billion, a 56 percent increase over 2017.

During 2022, the year data was collected for the Census, farmers were still dealing with the issues created by the world-wide COVID-19 pandemic, including supply chain issues and financial struggles. Farmers in Western Kentucky were also dealing with the aftermath of two tornadoes, while farmers in Eastern Kentucky were cleaning up from historic floods. Poultry farmers were also focused on the Avian Influenza strain that wiped out several commercial and backyard flocks across the state.

"These factors combined to create economic hardships for those across the state, including our agriculture community," Commissioner Shell said. "Despite these setbacks, the strength and essential nature of agriculture shines through with the reported Census numbers. The resiliency of farmers across our state and nation provide a stability we all rely on."

The market value of specific agricultural commodities sold in 2022 included:

- Poultry and eggs - \$1.79 billion, up 36 percent from 2017
- Corn - \$1.46 billion, up 76 percent
- Soybeans - \$1.38 billion, up 48 percent
- Cattle - \$1.08 billion, up 8 percent
- Equine - \$736 million, up 58 percent
- Wheat - \$262 million, up 133 percent
- Milk - \$233 million, up 40 percent
- Tobacco - \$225 million, down 36 percent
- Hogs and pigs - \$207 million, up 61 percent

The value of crops sold in 2022 does not necessarily represent the sales from crops harvested in 2022. NASS explained data may include sales from crops produced in earlier years and may exclude some crops produced in 2022 but held in storage and not sold. The market value of equine sold in 2022 was nearly \$763 million, an increase of 58 percent from 2017. Income from farm-related sources totaled \$466 million in 2022, an increase of 11 percent from 2017.

Total income from farm-related sources includes cash rent; crop and livestock insurance payments; custom work such as planting, plowing, and spraying; tobacco quota buyouts; agritourism; and sales of forest products. Government payments to farmers in 2022 totaled \$90 million, a decrease of 41 percent.

The Census also revealed trends common for agricultural across the country are following suit in Kentucky, including:

- A decrease in the number of farms. In 2022, Kentucky had 69,425 farms, compared to 75,966 that were counted in the 2017 Census, a difference of 8.6 percent.
- The amount of Kentucky acreage used in agricultural pursuits also declined slightly, from 13 million in 2017 to 12.4 million in 2022.
- The average age of producers also rose slightly in the 2022 Census, up from 56.2 years of age in 2017 to 57.1 years of age in 2022.
- The average size of a farm in Kentucky increased by 4.7 percent, from 171 in 2017 to 179 in 2022.



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Why solar energy?

By Teresa Pearson
Farmers' Quarterly Writer

In the last several years, thousands of solar panels have popped up across the country as an increasing number of Americans choose to power their daily lives with the sun's energy. The cost of going solar goes down every year. You may be considering the option of adding a solar energy system to your home's roof or finding another way to harness the sun's energy.

Why go solar?

By using solar panels, individuals take a crucial step towards sustainable living.

The initial investment in solar panels is offset by the savings on

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Getting garden beds ready for planting

By Teresa Pearson
Farmers' Quarterly Writer

Just like you give your house a good spring cleaning to freshen it up after a long winter, you can do the same to get your garden in shape for the warmer months.

Just before spring, clean the plant debris out of your garden beds. Branches, matted down leaves, last year's foliage, and any annuals you didn't remove last fall, need to be cleaned up. Cleaning out

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your garden beds will help to keep pests and diseases at bay. But, don't clean out too early because if you do you can destroy any beneficial bugs that have nestled in for the winter. It is also a good time to clean out debris from your pond or water feature. While you're at it, scrub up your bird bath and containers before setting them back out into the garden.

Next, test your soil if it has been a while. Experts recommend testing your garden soil every 3-5 years to see what nutrients or organic materials it needs and which it has too much of. A good general rule is to top the soil with an inch or two of compost or manure in early spring just before planting. That's also a good time to sprinkle an organic slow release plant food around your perennials and shrubs. Earthworms and other garden creatures will do the job of working these organic materials down into the soil for you.

Spring is a good time to prune some kinds of woody shrubs and trees, if you didn't do it in the fall.

Another early spring chore, when they are just beginning to pop up, divide and transplant any perennials that have outgrown their space or grown large enough to split, if desired. One that I divide every other spring are my hostas.

If you have a trellis you stored away for winter, early spring is a good time to clean it up and bring it back out into the garden. While you are at it get those other garden decorations and wind chimes out as well.

Though most annual flowers need the soil to warm up a bit before planting, some cool weather loving plants like pansies, daisies, sweet alyssum and petunias, won't mind if you plant them in the garden early.

If you do have a late spring frost or freezes, be prepared to cover up plants that have tender buds or foliage. If the buds haven't begun to open yet, there's no need to cover them. Old sheets and towels are a good option. Don't cover tender plants with plastic or tarps. The effect of the plastic touching the newly emerging buds and foliage will magnify the cold's effect, rather than stop it.



Sprinkle an organic slow release plant food around your perennials and shrubs.

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electricity bills over time. Solar energy reduces dependency on utility providers, offering financial freedom in the long run.

Homes equipped with solar panels often see an increase in property value. They are more attractive to buyers, making them a good investment in the real estate market.

Many places offer incentives for solar panel installation, including tax credits and rebates. This support makes the transition to solar energy more accessible and affordable.

Legislative support for solar energy users, such as net metering, allows homeowners to sell excess energy back to the grid, further enhancing the economic benefits of solar panels.

Contrary to common misconceptions, solar panels are effective in overcast and cold regions, ensuring versatility and adaptability. Solar energy isn't just for sunny locations. It works across various regions.

Modern solar panels are designed for durability, typically lasting 25-30 years with minimal maintenance, making them a long-term investment in clean energy.

Embracing solar energy is more than a trend; it's a lifestyle choice that offers extensive benefits. The advantages of installing solar panels range from environmental to economic, making it a wise decision for those looking to contribute to a sustainable future while enjoying financial perks.



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Kentucky Agri Finance Corp approves \$2,772,938 in loans

FRANKFORT, Ky. – The Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corp. (KAFC) approved \$2,772,938 for 16 agricultural loans for projects across the commonwealth at its monthly board meeting.

Agricultural Infrastructure Loan Program (AILP)

Three Agricultural Infrastructure loans totaling \$750,000 were approved. Loan recipients were in Breckinridge (\$250,000), McCracken (\$250,000), and Owen (\$250,000) counties. KAFC participates with lenders to provide financing to producers making capital expenditures for agricultural projects through the AILP. Eligible projects include permanent farm structures with attached equipment that improves the profitability of farming operations. Producers may be eligible for up to \$150,000 not to exceed 50 percent of the project.

Beginning Farmer Loan Program (BFLP)

Twelve Beginning Farmer loans totaling up to \$1,772,938 were approved. Loan recipients were in Adair (\$75,000), Anderson (\$47,500), Barren (\$142,500), Franklin (\$250,000), Green (\$120,938), Harrison (\$154,375), Madison (\$152,500), Pendleton (\$92,625), Russell (\$117,500), Shelby (\$195,000), Wayne

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(\$175,000), and Woodford (\$250,000) counties. The BFLP is designed to assist individuals with some farming experience who desire to develop, expand, or buy into a farming operation. Beginning farmers may qualify for financing to purchase livestock, equipment, or agriculture facilities; to secure permanent working capital; for the purchase of farm real estate; or to invest in a partnership or LLC.

Diversification through Entrepreneurship in Agribusiness Program (DEALP)

A Diversification through Entrepreneurship in Agribusiness loan totaling \$250,000 was approved for a recipient in Bath County. DEALP is designed to assist agri-entrepreneurs with the purchase, establishment or expansion of a business that sells agricultural products or services to farmers or consumers.

For more information on the programs offered by the KAFC, contact Bill McCloskey at Kentucky Office of Agricultural Policy at (502) 382-6093 or email kafc@ky.gov.

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The Kentucky Office of Agricultural Policy (KOAP), a division within the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, provides staff support to the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation (KAFC) and the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund (KADF). The KADF is administered by the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board. KOAP ensures Kentucky is being good stewards of dollars from the 1998 Tobacco Settlement Agreement by overseeing the boards' investments into diversifying and supporting Kentucky agriculture.

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FFA students making strides within community

By Alexa Tabor
Farmers' Quarterly Writer

Livingston County Schools continues to emphasize the importance of FFA students, as well as the long lasting impact they can make in each community. Not only does FFA make a positive difference in the lives of students, it helps develop their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education

Not only did students attend the 2024 Farm Machinery Show, they also celebrated FFA Week by

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2023-24 Livingston Central Officer Team at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN. Back row, left to right: Bryce Edging, JT Cosby, Brodie Biggers, and Carter Belcher. Front row, left to right: Josie Taylor, Brianna Fletcher, Laken Davis, Tiffani Crawford, and Brenna Belt.



Brenna Belt was honored by the Hutson School of Agriculture at Murray State University as Murray State FFA All-Region Stars based on her outstanding leadership in FFA

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engaging in community activities. They hosted Regional Leadership at Marshall, attended a State Officer Workshop, engaged in a duck call competition, with prizes provided by Higdon Outdoors, as well as sending out "thank you" letters to farmers within the county. The FFA officer team also put together gift bags with donated items for all Salem Springlake residents to enjoy during the holiday season. A few of the student officers were able to go deliver the gift bags to the residents and visit with residents.

Another noteworthy accomplishment, student Brenna Belt was honored by the Hutson School of Agriculture at Murray State University as Murray State FFA All-Region Stars based on her outstanding leadership in FFA. Belt was awarded at the All-Region Star Banquet among other recognized stars from chapters in the Purchase, Pennyriple, and Green River Regions.

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UK Ag Equine Programs welcomes all to the Horsey Hustle 5K

By Holly Wiemers

LEXINGTON, Ky.— The University of Kentucky Ag Equine Programs at the Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment will host the third annual Horsey Hustle 5K April 14. Event proceeds benefit the program's Student Experience and Applied Education Fund, established to support UK students in gaining horse experiences, both academically and recreationally.

"This year's event is Derby-themed and will be really fun," said Savannah Robin, lecturer of career and professional development within UK Ag Equine Programs and program liaison with the Wildcat Wranglers, a student equine ambassador group and this year's event organizer. "We're hopeful that this event will highlight our equine industry in Central Kentucky and be a way to connect various communities to what we're doing at UK and within the industry."

Wildcat Wranglers, who have helped lead past events, reflected on what this event has meant to them.

"Being a part of Horsey Hustle last year was a wonderful experience," said equine science and management senior Jaida Aleo. "My favorite aspect was how the event brought everyone together. Everywhere you looked, there were smiling faces. We were able to create a sense of belonging among the participants, not only with the race, but with activities and food."

All are welcome to participate and have fun in this year's Horsey Hustle event. Photo provided by Alex Sharp.

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Equine science and management junior Loralie Page, part of the event organizing team with Aleo, shared how the event has evolved over the years.

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"I have loved seeing the Horsey Hustle grow over the past two years. It went from just a 5k to being a whole day event that students, alumni and families could enjoy," she said.

The Student Experience and Applied Education Fund has benefited several students and opened opportunities for others. One example from this year includes a grant to help offset costs for Wildcat Wranglers for transportation to industry and outreach events — providing a bridge into the equine industry as students are learning and building networks.

Chloe Young is one of these students. Funds will enable her to attend the upcoming International Society of Equitation Science (ISES) conference in New Zealand. There, Young will present her research to an audience of equine researchers, veterinarians and practitioners involved in different disciplines from around the world.

"This is my first time completing research at UK and I am very thankful for the opportunity I have been given," Young said. "I am extremely excited to get to present my work at the ISES Conference, enhancing my research background for graduate school applications and my future career."

Members of the college's pre-law organization said the award will enhance their educational experiences for equine and promote law and policy within agriculture and equine industries to other interested college students.

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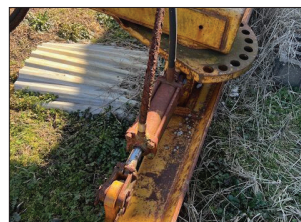
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"This fund is an amazing way to offer new experiences to our equine students," Robin said. "Riding lesson scholarships, paying for conference registrations, supporting various activities and spaces for equine students to learn and grow, this fund is making a difference in the lives of our students. Seeing the equine industry come together to support our students is really exciting."

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Event proceeds benefit the Student Experience and Applied Education Fund, established to support UK students in gaining horse experiences, both academically and recreationally. Photo provided by Alex Sharp.

Event proceeds benefit the Student Experience and Applied Education Fund, established to support UK students in gaining valuable extracurricular activities, inside and outside of the classroom. Photo provided by Alex Sharp.

In line with the Derby theme, the "Win" sponsor is Stonestreet Farm. "Place" sponsors include EJMS CPA, The Jockey Club, Kentucky Equine Education Project, Spy Coast Farm, Neogen and VisitLex. "Show" sponsors include Ardent Animal Health, Ed Brown Society, Godolphin, Hallway Feeds, Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital and UK Equine Alumni Affiliated Network. In-kind sponsors include KBC Horse Supplies, Kentucky Horse Park and the U.S. Hunter/Jumper Association.

"We are grateful for all of our generous sponsors," said James MacLeod, director of UK Ag Equine Programs. "This event offers so much, and spring is the perfect time for outdoor activities. We welcome all to join us and support our students."

Registration is \$35 and includes a T-shirt for those registered by the early bird March 10 deadline. For those unable to attend, but who wish to make a donation, visit the registration page.

Onsite registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Participants are encouraged to bring a chair or picnic blankets. Event location is the Coldstream Park, located at 1850 Pisacano Drive in Lexington.

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Eastern tent caterpillars make their 2024 Kentucky debut

Lexington, Ky.— The season's first Eastern Tent Caterpillars (ETC) are now emerging. Initial sightings have been reported in Western Kentucky counties after having spent the last nine months as masses of eggs on twigs of wild cherry and related trees. The normal time for the egg to hatch is when the forsythia bloom starts.

The insect is infamous for its connection with the Mare Reproductive Loss Syndrome (MRLS) in the early 2000s when an estimated 3,500 foals were either aborted, stillborn or died shortly after birth. During 2001, Central Kentucky lost an estimated 30% of the 2001-2002 Thoroughbred foal crop. Overall, the state suffered an economic cost of approximately \$336 million from losses suffered in all breeds of horses.

Jonathan Larson, an assistant extension entomology professor at the University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, noted that these caterpillars start to hatch when 90 - 100 growing-degree days have accumulated. Growing-degree days are a measurement of development for insects that reflects the high and low temperature of any given day.

"Last year, we observed this threshold at the end of February. This season, however, the progression is slightly delayed," Larson said. "Egg hatch occurs over several weeks in early spring, raising the likelihood of surviving late freezes. When the temperature rises above 37 degrees Fahrenheit, the caterpillars begin to grow and develop."

ETC's preferred food plants are

wild cherry, apple and crabapple, but may also appear on hawthorn, maple, cherry, peach, pear and plum trees. As the caterpillars mature to 2 - 2.5 inches and become hairy, they may leave their host trees searching for places to spin their cocoons or additional food sources if their original tree is depleted. This often leads them along fences and into pastures.

Accidental ETC consumption by pregnant mares was linked to the MRLS epidemic from 1999 to 2001. MRLS can result in the loss of foals both early and late in pregnancy or in the birth of weakened foals. The caterpillars' hairs, especially their hair cuticles, can embed in the lining of the mare's gut. This leads to bacterial infections that can adversely affect the fetus and placenta by breaching the gut's protective barrier.

"If farm managers notice high numbers of nests, they should relocate pregnant mares from areas near wild cherry trees to reduce the risk of exposure," Larson said. "The greatest risk occurs when these mature caterpillars leave the trees to pupate and transform into moths."

ETCs are named for the compact silk-tent shelters they construct in the crooks and crotches of branches to defend against predators and parasitoids. This species is known for its tidy, nest-building compared to the fall webworm, which creates large, messy webs at branch tips. The ETC population varies annually due to climate, predators and diseases.

Despite not reaching the extreme levels seen during the MRLS

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outbreak, the presence of these caterpillars still raises concerns. Larson emphasizes the importance of notifying horse owners about the onset of caterpillar activity each year, allowing them to monitor and manage the risk of MRLS by checking their property for caterpillar webs.

As part of caterpillar management practices, pregnant mares should be kept away from infested trees, and preferred host trees should either be removed or not planted close to horse farm paddocks. In certain situations, using insecticides, such as the organic pesticide *Bacillus Thuringiensis* (Bt), to control the caterpillars in addition to those preventive measures may be necessary. Treating tall trees that are challenging to spray may also be necessary.

For the latter scenario, professional arborists will treat

via trunk injection. Products labeled for ETC control include Tree-äge (emamectin benzoate), Inject-A-Cide B (Bidrin), Abacide 2 (abamectin) and Lepitect (acephate). Applicators should read and follow all label instructions. All four injectable products are labeled for use on horse farms.

"ETC activity can vary annually due to climatic conditions, predators and disease," Larson said. "However, understanding their life cycle and habitat preferences allows us to address potential risks preemptively. Awareness is our best defense. By tracking the hatching and development of these caterpillars, we can implement targeted interventions to protect our trees and, crucially, our horses."

For more information about assessing trees for egg masses, the UK Entomology publication *Checking Eastern Tent Caterpillar Egg Masses* is available at <https://entomology.ca.uky.edu/ef449>.



The Eastern Tent Caterpillar is infamous for its connection with the Mare Reproductive Loss Syndrome in the early 2000s when they caused Kentucky \$336 million in damage.

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JAY HERRALA

Fisheries Program Coordinator
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Jay is a fisheries biologist who conducts research for the department on important issues affecting river and stream fisheries. The research that he and his team conduct is used to determine the health of fish populations across the state that helps the department make general management decisions such as size and daily fishing limits.

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Here, Jay is holding a blue catfish live-captured then released during annual fish surveys on the Ohio River.

KY Fish and Wildlife announces staff spotlight

By Alexa Tabor
Farmers' Quarterly Writer

The Ky Fish and Wildlife announced their official Staff Spotlight as Jay Herrala, the Fisheries Program Coordinator of the Fisheries Division. He began his career as a Fisheries Biologist II with KY Fish and Wildlife in 2011, and eventually progressed into the role of the program coordinator. He now conducts important and integral research on the various issues affecting the Bluegrass state's river and stream fisheries.

Not only that, but Herrala and his team also conduct a variety of surveys to estimate sport fish assessments, which allow

them to find out the growth of species, aging, measurements and assessing weight data before releasing the fish back into their environment. Overall, the studies Herrala conducts are to help make a determination of the fish population's overall health. This allows the department to make management decisions and also predicts size and fishing limitations.

"You've got to have confidence that what you're doing is for the betterment of the resource you're managing," Herrala said. "I knew what I wanted to do my junior year of high school based simply on how much I enjoyed fishing and simply wanted to understand more about the biological side."

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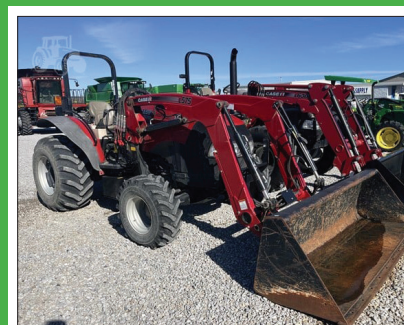
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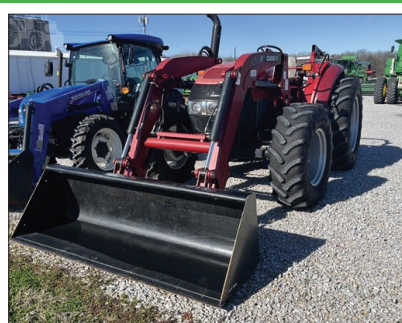
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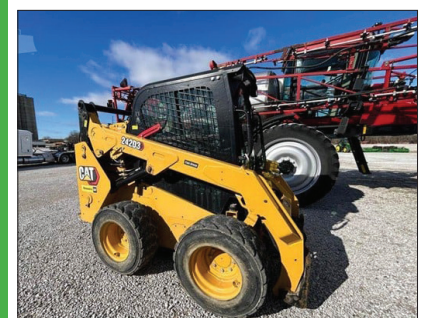
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Ag Day falls on March 19, which is during National Ag Week, but it's no secret that the Kentucky Soybean Board celebrates farmers all year long. The Agriculture Council of America, sponsor of National Ag Day, says that this program encourages Americans to understand how food and fiber products are produced, value the essential role of agriculture in maintaining a strong economy, and appreciate the role that agriculture

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If you're familiar with the Kentucky Soybean Board, you'll know that we do this year-round. From our exhibits at the National Farm Machinery Show and the Kentucky State Fair to our educational offerings for farmers, consumers, and schoolchildren to our social media accounts (find us @kysoybean on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter/X), we promote all things soy and all things soybean farmer.

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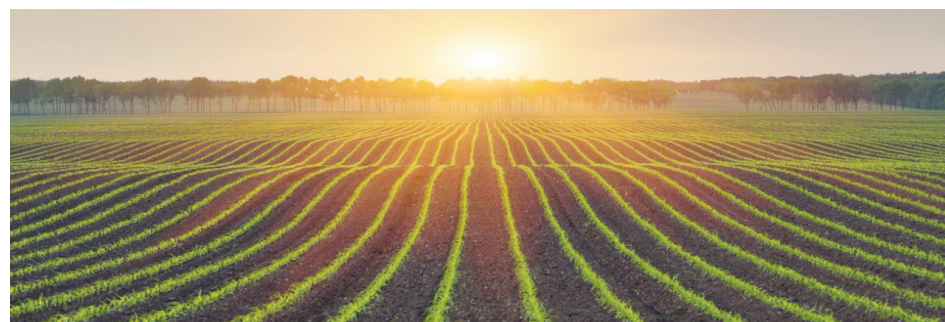
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Photo by Scholastic News of the invasive Lantern Fly, seen recently in KY. Could pose major threat.

New invasive species found close to Kentucky

By Alexa Tabor
Farmers' Quarterly Writer

Recently, an invasive species has been spotted across the Bluegrass state, which is a common native to Asia. It is the spotted Lanternfly, and was first discovered in Berks County of Pennsylvania. Since found, the invasive species has spread its wings into an estimated 13 to 14 other states, one of which includes Kentucky. This fly is known to feed on well over a hundred types of plants, such as apples, pears, grapes and even maples. If not under control, it could cause billions of dollars in losses, concerning economic impact.

Considering that the species has been found in Ohio, just bordering Kentucky, there are being surveys

conducted to try and discover any potential lanternfly into the state. Unfortunately, humans can unknowingly spread them by transporting them from one area to another. They can also lay eggs on vehicles, surfaces and even outdoor furniture. They hatch in the early months of summer and reach maturity until early fall, studies show.

While many departments are working together to stop the spread of this invasive species, measures are being taken on the local level. There can be circle traps and collection bags armored to trap them, and the public should remain diligent in spotting these insects when they begin to lay their eggs. They can cause a general infestation and also affect horticulture in the surrounding area.

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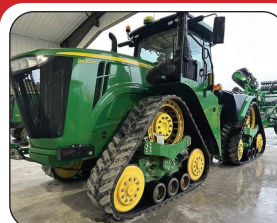
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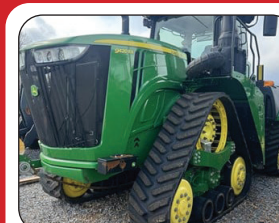
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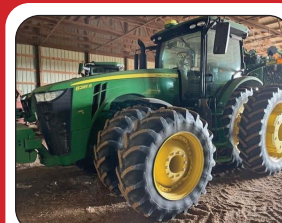
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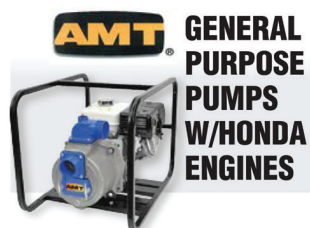
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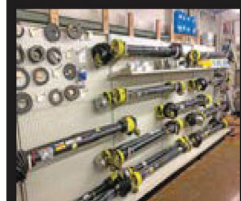
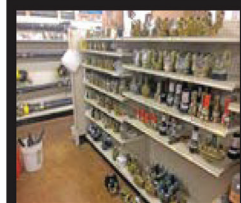
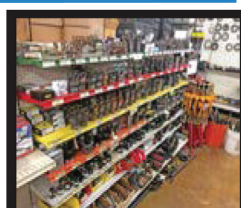
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Bootcamp motivates Kentucky communities to revitalize brownfield sites

Georgetown, Ky.— Many Kentucky communities have abandoned or underutilized properties because either real or perceived contamination has impeded their expansion, reuse or redevelopment. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency refers to these properties as “brownfields,” estimating over 45,000 currently in the United States.

The April 1-2 Brownfield Bootcamp, a program initiative involving the UK Community and Economic Development Initiative of Kentucky (CEDIK), is now open for registration. Hosted by the Scott County extension office, the event has become a pivotal force in community redevelopment. This is particularly true in transforming underutilized or contaminated properties, mostly former industrial sites.

The two-day workshop gives participants the knowledge and tools to revitalize brownfield sites into thriving community assets. Central to its success is the emphasis on practical strategies for community

engagement, funding acquisition and the navigation of regulatory landscapes, all within the context of sustainable environmental stewardship.

This year, the first day introduces participants to fundamental concepts and strategies for community engagement and planning. Day two explores components of an EPA Brownfield proposal and what it takes to create a highly competitive application.

A partnership between the University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment and the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet's Department for Environmental Protection (EEC), the project aims to increase awareness of available funding and assist communities in redeveloping brownfield sites.

“This program provides expanded access to support, technical assistance and redevelopment coaching that

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Bootcamp field site

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underserved communities have long requested in their pursuits of redeveloping brownfield sites," said Shane Barton, CEDIK downtown revitalization program coordinator.

Throughout the five-year partnership with ECC, CEDIK trains and supports local community planning, raising awareness about the brownfield program throughout the commonwealth. While also being available for technical assistance and future funding opportunities, CEDIK provides intensive coaching and support to a group of traditionally underserved communities through the Downtown Revitalization Program's Brownfield Community Assistance Program.

"Almost every community has at least one building, no matter how big or small, that poses a significant redevelopment challenge," Barton said. "Many Kentucky communities are burdened with underutilized or abandoned structures, and transforming these spaces

necessitates additional investment, planning and creative solutions based on community needs and aspirations."

Local Community Applications: Hawesville, Ky

Hawesville, Kentucky city administrator Jake Powers' project embodies Brownfield Bootcamp's impact on a local community. Through his participation in the bootcamp, Powers gained insights and strategies that he brought back to his community. Upon his return, he initiated a comprehensive effort to address the challenges of brownfield redevelopment.

"The Bootcamp was a turning point for us," Powers said. "We came back not just with ideas, but with a concrete plan on how to breathe new life into our downtown's abandoned buildings. We realized early on that this wasn't just about cleaning up properties. It was about envisioning what our community could become."

Following the bootcamp, Powers spearheaded several key initiatives that emphasized the workshop's approach. One of the first steps was

organizing a redevelopment planning process.

Community leaders organized regional forums, allowing residents to voice their opinions and aspirations for Hawesville's future.

"We started documenting all the underutilized buildings in our downtown area," Powers said. "It was important to know what we were dealing with. This inventory was a foundation for prioritizing redevelopment efforts and identifying potential projects that could significantly impact the community."

Powers and his team recognized the importance of engaging the youth in the redevelopment process. The outcomes of these initiatives have been notable.

"We asked ourselves, 'If we want to create a place where young people would stay, what do they want us to do?' This led to the organization of a youth listening session this spring, a move that will provide valuable insights into the younger generation's desires and foster a sense of ownership and involvement among them. We've started seeing a shift

in how our community views these abandoned spaces. They're no longer just eyesores; they're opportunities."

The Scott County Cooperative extension office is located at 1130 Cincinnati Rd., Georgetown, Ky 40324.

For more information on the brownfield sites and the Brownfield Bootcamp, visit <https://cedik.ca.uky.edu/brownfield-program>.

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2024 Beef Expo sales reach more than \$800,000

FRANKFORT - The 2024 Kentucky Farm Bureau Beef Expo finished with more than \$839,000 in total sales in the 38th edition of the event at the Kentucky Exposition Center during the first weekend of March.

Total sales in 2024 were \$839,680 an increase of \$58,270 compared to last year's sales. In addition to total sales being up, the average sale also increased by \$247 to \$2,674 per lot, with 314 lots auctioned this year, 10 less than 2023.

"As the largest beef cattle state east of the Mississippi River, cattle is one of Kentucky's top livestock and the Kentucky Farm Bureau Beef Expo is a place to showcase that," Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner Jonathan Shell said. "We were excited to see sales on an upswing over last year. Farming can be a tough business, but we see good things in our future."

Angus cattle brought an average of \$3,559 per lot to lead all breeds. The sale topper was a \$14,500 Balancer Female

from Pleasant Meadows Farm out of Glasgow, Ky. The Beef Expo welcomed 16 states, including Kentucky, and eight breeds this year.

In the junior show, 484 cattle from 15 states passed through the show ring, including 212 from Kentucky. The judging contest attracted 150

participants.

The 2024 Beef Expo's main sponsors were Kentucky Farm Bureau and the Kentucky Department of Agriculture.



Agriculture Commissioner Jonathan Shell, center, met with Kentucky Farm Bureau's executive team and breed representatives during the Kentucky Farm Bureau Beef Expo last week. The group makes up the Beef Expo Board. Each of the breed representatives received a check for premiums and awards.

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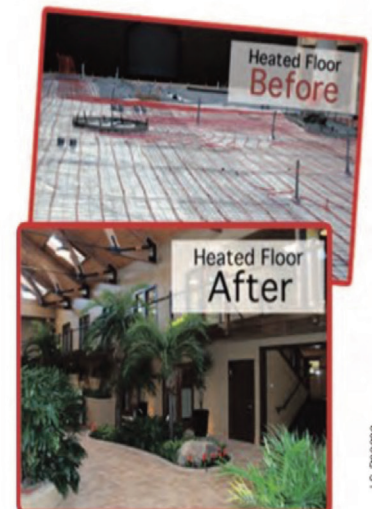
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Belcher supports MSU vet school

MURRAY, Ky – Former State Representative Lynn Bechler who is running in the Republican Primary for State Senate District 1 has stated that he fully and totally supports Murray State University (MSU) and the MSU School of Veterinary Medicine Proposal currently being discussed in Frankfort by lawmakers.

“Throughout the entirety of our region, particularly Senate District 1, and throughout our state, we are in dire need of large animal veterinarians. I appreciate Murray State University’s President, Dr. Bob Jackson, and the MSU leadership team for tackling this important issue in our animal agriculture sector,” Bechler said. “The time is now for the Commonwealth of Kentucky to finally have a School of Veterinary Medicine and there is no better place in Kentucky than in Calloway County at Murray State University to start one. Not everything has to be in the Golden Triangle of Lexington and Louisville. If elected, I will make this a top priority and I will work with my former colleagues in the General Assembly to get this done.”

In October of last year, a feasibility study was released



by the MSU Hutson School of Agriculture detailing the shortage of large animal veterinarians, particularly throughout rural Kentucky. The study showed that in Kentucky, there are only 54 sole large animal practicing veterinarians and over 2.3 million head of livestock in Kentucky. Kentucky currently does not have a School of Veterinary Medicine.

To learn more about the Murray State University School of Veterinary Medicine Task Force and plans for a School of Veterinary Medicine at Murray State University visit:

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Innovative plant fertilization study awarded significant NSF grant, setting stage for future agricultural advancements

A University of Kentucky researcher's work in unlocking the secrets of plant fertilization could provide insight to improve crop production in a changing global environment.

By Jordan Strickler

Lexington, Ky.— A pioneering University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment research initiative aimed at decoding the secrets of plant fertilization has been granted a significant boost, receiving \$870,396 from the National Science Foundation (NSF). This investment marks a pivotal step forward in understanding plant reproduction mechanisms, with profound implications for future agricultural innovation and food security.

“Understanding how plants control the fertilization process at these very early steps is crucial for advancing our knowledge in plant

reproduction,” said Tomokazu Kawashima, an associate professor in the UK Department of Plant and Soil Science. “It’s not just about the science; it’s about unlocking the potential to improve crop resilience and productivity.”

The grant, part of a larger \$1.2 million collaborative project with the University of Tennessee, Knoxville (UTK), stresses the critical importance of advancing knowledge in plant biology and addressing the pressing challenges facing global agriculture. The study, led by Kawashima, investigates the complex process of double fertilization in plants — a unique reproductive strategy key to seed development and the survival of

flowering plant species.

Double fertilization involves two distinct fertilization events that occur within a single seed, forming both an embryo and a nutrient-rich tissue known as the endosperm. This dual process is essential for seed growth and development, yet its underlying mechanisms remain largely uncharted territory.

The research project employs the flowering plant *Arabidopsis thaliana* — a small but powerful model organism in plant genetics — to unravel the mysteries of fertilization. Despite its inconspicuous nature, *Arabidopsis* offers invaluable insights due to its relatively simple genome and ease of cultivation.

The study findings are expected to have far-reaching applications, potentially revolutionizing the resilience and productivity of crucial crops such as soybeans, corn and wheat in the face of environmental challenges and climate change.

This three-year study will combine cutting-edge molecular biology techniques with advanced computer simulations to create a comprehensive model of plant cell behavior during fertilization. In partnership with UTK’s Steven Abel, an associate professor in the Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, Kawashima will use these

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simulations to uncover new aspects of cell dynamics.

“This funding shows the importance of our work and the potential it has to transform agriculture as we know it,” stated Kawashima. “By shedding light on the intricacies of plant fertilization, we aim to pave the way for developing crops that are more robust, yield-rich and capable of withstanding climate change’s unpredictability.”

The NSF funding also highlights the growing recognition of scientific inquiries into plant biology.

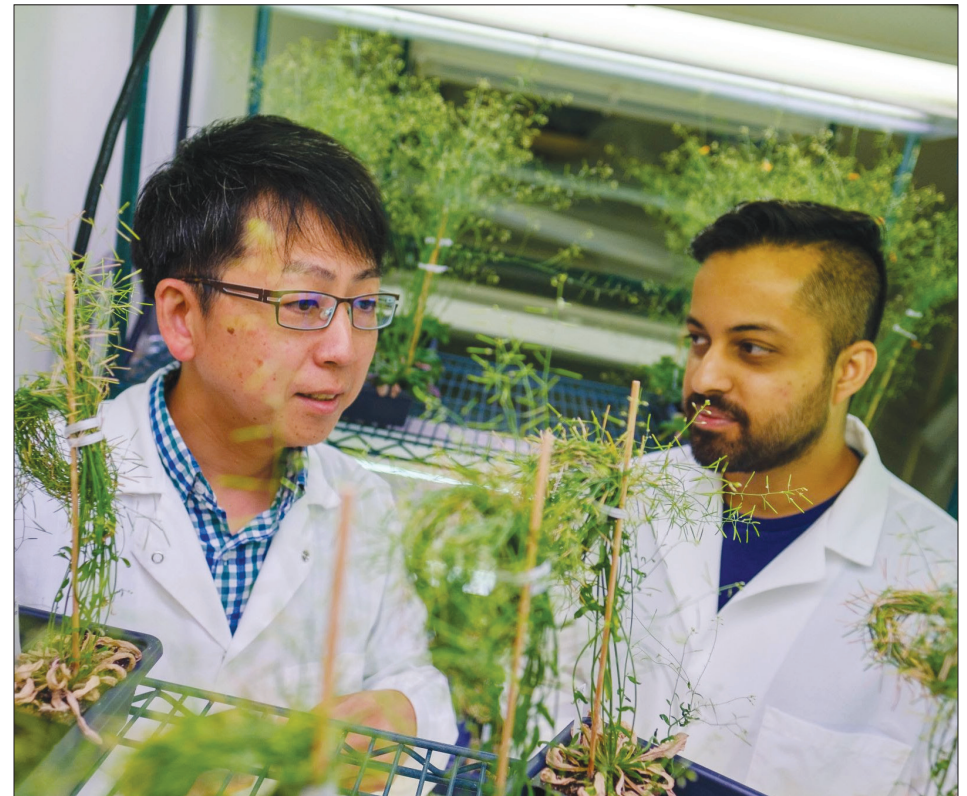
“As we move forward, this research can revolutionize how we think about plant biology and crop production as we face increasing environmental pressures,” Kawashima said. “Understanding the early steps of plant fertilization opens new avenues for creating future sustainable and resilient food systems.”

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Tomokazu Kawashima, left, could help unlock the secrets of plant fertilization. Photo by Matt Barton.

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UK Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture recognizes award honorees at Night of Excellence event



Dean Nancy Cox joins the 2024 Hall of Distinguished Alumni. Pictured (L-R) are David Williams, Nancy Cox, Marianne Smith Edge, Audrey T. Carr, Dennis Parrett and Valerie Still.

By Christopher Carney

LEXINGTON, Ky.—The UK Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment proudly celebrates deserving, distinguished individuals for their meaningful contributions to their communities. On Feb. 23, the college hosted the 2024 Night of Excellence event, recognizing a perennial group of alumni and friends.

“This night is about celebrating excellence across many different generations,” said Nancy Cox, vice president for Land-grant Engagement and dean of Martin-Gatton CAFE. “As a land-grant

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university, we strive to make each day better than the day before. Our award recipients are valued members of our college community, who have set the standard of excellence."

Hosted by the Martin-Gatton CAFE Alumni Association, the Night of Excellence event honors individuals for their lasting impact in a chosen field, community and society with the Horizon Award, Paul Appel Alumni Service Award and Oran & Myrtle Little Friend of Martin-Gatton CAFE Award.

Tyler presents the Horizon Award to Meredith McQuerry (top), Paul Appel Alumni Service Award to Jim Mahan (bottom right) and Oran & Myrtle Little Friend of Martin-Gatton CAFE Award to Kentucky Farm Bureau President Eddie Melton and Executive Vice President Drew Graham (bottom left). Photos by Matt Barton.

The Horizon Award honors early professional accomplishments, based on a significant record of career achievement and a promise for future professional success. The Oran & Myrtle Little Friend of Martin-Gatton CAFE Award and Paul Appel Alumni Service Award recognize a strong commitment and extraordinary service to Martin-Gatton CAFE. In addition,

alumni were inducted into the Hall of Distinguished Alumni — the college's highest bestowed honor.

During the ceremony, inspirational video testimonies were shared showcasing the recipients' experience of being recognized.

Valerie Still, Martin-Gatton CAFE alumna, former UK and professional women's basketball player, and one of this year's Hall of Distinguished Alumni recipient described this moment: "For a little poor girl coming from Camden, New Jersey, all the way to Lexington to explore my first love for animals at UK is simply amazing. This recognition after all these years and being a part of this ag family means so much to me. There's always a magic feeling when I come back to Kentucky."

Quentin Tyler, Martin-Gatton CAFE Alumni Association president and two-time alumnus, returned to his alma mater to be the event's master of ceremonies.

"This is one of my favorite events," said Tyler. "The ability to listen, learn and be inspired by these individuals is something that keeps me going. We are grateful for all that attended to recognize our outstanding alumni and friends of our college."

Award honorees included:

- Horizon Award: Meredith McQuerry – B.S. Merchandising,

Apparel & Textiles, '12; B.S. Career and Technical Education; '12; M.S. Merchandising, Apparel & Textiles, '14

- Paul Appel Alumni Service Award: Jim Mahan – B.S. Animal Science, '67

- Oran & Myrtle Little Friend of Martin-Gatton CAFE Award: Kentucky Farm Bureau

The Hall of Distinguished Alumni included:

- Audrey T. Carr – B.S. Home Economics Education, '64; M.S. Home Economics Education, '72; Ed.D. Vocational Education, '94
- David Williams – B.S. Animal Science, '66; M.S. Animal Science, '68

- cultural Economics, '81

- Marianne Smith Edge – B.S. Dietetics, '77

- Valerie Still – B.S. Animal Science, '00

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In addition to meeting alpacas and a llama, visitors can shop for the latest alpaca fashions and hand-crafted items from 10 Kentucky alpaca farms.

Guests can walk an alpaca through an enclosed obstacle

course for \$5 per person.

Mini seminars and demonstrations will take place during the day covering topics such as Alpaca Ownership & Care, Alpaca Fiber, and Hand Spinning. Our 4H farms will also share information about their programs.

Guests can sign up to be eligible for a drawing for an Associate Membership in the Kentucky Alpaca Association.

The event will be held outdoors

in the livestock pavilion, which is under cover. Admission and parking are FREE!

Alpaca Selfies

Attendees are encouraged to take their selfie with an alpaca. Haven't perfected your selfie taking skills quite yet? No worries. Our volunteers can take your photo for you. Alpaca Selfies are free of charge.

About the Kentucky Alpaca Association

The Kentucky Alpaca Association supports Kentucky alpaca owners and fiber enthusiasts by:

- promoting our member farms alpacas, fiber and products,
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Republican-led House panel in Kentucky advances proposed school choice constitutional amendment

By Bruce Schreiner
Associated Press

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Republican lawmakers started advancing a school choice constitutional amendment Tuesday that could become the most hotly debated state issue this fall if the proposal reaches Kentucky’s ballot.

The measure cleared a GOP-led House panel hours after the committee meeting was announced to take up one of the most closely watched issues of this year’s legislative session. The proposal goes to the full House next and would still need Senate approval to reach the statewide ballot in November. Republicans have supermajorities in both chambers.

Several proposed constitutional amendments are under review by lawmakers, but the school choice measure is seen as a top priority for many Republicans, based on its designation as House Bill 2.

The committee hearing offered a preview of the looming political fight should

the school choice measure reach the ballot for voters to decide.

While a prominent Republican supporter promoted school choice, the president of the Kentucky Education Association denounced the proposal as a threat to public education. The KEA is a labor association representing tens of thousands of public school educators.

If ratified by voters, the proposal would give the legislature the option to “provide financial support for the education of students outside the system of common schools” — a reference to public schools.

For instance, it would remove constitutional barriers that have blocked the state from assisting parents who want to enroll their children in private or charter schools.

Courts in Kentucky have ruled that public tax dollars must be spent on the state’s “common” schools and cannot be diverted to charter or private schools. School choice advocates are hoping to surmount those legal hurdles by getting the school choice

bill ratified on the fall ballot.

During the hearing, Democrats opposed to the bill tried to pin down Republican state Rep. Suzanne Miles, the bill’s lead sponsor, on what follow-up policy decisions by the legislature could occur if the ballot measure wins voter approval. Miles responded that “there’s a long path” ahead before lawmakers would reach the point of discussing policy options. Instead, she made a broad pitch for the ballot proposal.

“I would like for every child in the commonwealth to have the best options possible for them to succeed,” said Miles, who is a member of the House Republican leadership team.

KEA President Eddie Campbell called the proposal bad public policy and “dangerous” to public education.

“It will be detrimental to Kentucky’s public schools, opening the door for public tax dollars to stream to unaccountable private institutions with no oversight,” he told the committee.

Kentucky parents

already have choices in where they send their children to school, Campbell said. But the bill’s opponents worry that it would lead to public funds being diverted away from public schools.

The KEA has signaled it’s ready to fight back against any school choice proposal. The KEA has a powerful ally in Democratic Gov. Andy Beshear, who has promised to join the fight. Beshear won a convincing reelection victory last November in Republican-leaning Kentucky.

The group says lawmakers should focus on bolstering public education by raising teacher salaries, fully funding student transportation and ensuring access to preschool for every 4-year-old in Kentucky.

The push for a constitutional amendment gained steam after the courts struck down school choice laws.

In 2022, Kentucky’s Supreme Court struck down a measure passed by GOP lawmakers to award tax credits for donations supporting private school tuition.

Last year, a circuit court judge rejected another measure that set up a funding method for charter schools. The decision stymied efforts to give such schools a foothold in the Bluegrass State. Those schools would be operated by independent groups with fewer regulations than most public schools.

With no election for statewide office on the Kentucky ballot this November, a school choice ballot measure would turn into an expensive, hard-fought campaign drawing considerable attention.

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Open government advocate still has concerns over revised open records bill passed by Kentucky House

By Bruce Schreiner
Associated Press

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — A closely scrutinized open-records measure dealing with public access to the flow of electronic messages among government officials won passage in the Kentucky House on Tuesday.

The bill’s lead sponsor, Republican state Rep. John Hodgson, backed off the original version that had spurred a strong backlash from open-records advocates.

Those advocates have warned that the revised version still contained loopholes that would hurt the public’s ability to scrutinize government business.

It would do so by limiting a public agency’s duty for producing electronic information, applying only to material stored on a device that’s “agency property or on agency-designated email accounts,” open government advocate Amye Bensenhaver said in an email after the House vote.

The new version of House Bill 509 cleared the House on a 61-31 vote to advance to the Senate. Republicans have supermajorities in both chambers.

It would update provisions of Kentucky’s open records law that were crafted long before the advent of emails, text messages and other forms of electronic communication, Hodgson said.

“This bill attempts to close a gap that has been created in the subsequent decades by requiring that the tens of thousands of people that work for public agencies, or serve as appointed board members in some capacity, have an agency-furnished or an agency-designated email provided for them, so that they can conduct their official business with those searchable electronic platforms,” Hodgson said.

Hodgson has said he is trying to balance the need for transparency with the need for personal privacy.

Public officials could be punished for using non-public email accounts for official business under the bill. But open-records advocates have said that is not enough because there is no guarantee that those records would be subject to the state’s open records law.

“Until this bill gained traction, the overwhelming weight of authority focused on the nature and content of a record, not on the place it is stored, to determine its status as a public record governed by the open records law,” said Bensenhaver, a former assistant attorney general who helped start the Kentucky Open Government Coalition.

“HB 509 passed out of the House with the goal of upending that analysis and reversing that authority,” she added.

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