

## Calvert City Pickleball players participate in St. Paddy’s Paddle Battle

Calvert City Pickleball players went to Fenton, MO to participate in the MPC St. Paddy’s Paddle Battle March 14-17. Missouri Pickleball Club (MPC) is one of the largest indoor pickleball clubs in the US. This 51,000 sq ft facility has 18 courts and 5 championship courts. This tournament had almost 500 entries and some events had as many as 30 plus teams competing. Divisions included Men’s and Women’s Singles, Men’s Doubles, Women’s Doubles, Mixed Doubles any age, and 50+ 60+ age groups.

Silver Medal Winners include Jennifer Wilson and Myra Krenis – 4.5 Women’s Doubles, Kayla Travis, and Tyler Denbo – 4.5 Mixed Doubles. Bronze Medal Winners include Brent Thompson and Jeremy Hudgin – 4.0/4.5 Men’s Doubles 50+, Jennifer Wilson and Brent Thompson – 4.0 Mixed Doubles, Brigette Thompson and Jeremy Hudgin – 3.5 Mixed Doubles 50+, Kayla Travis and Amy Le – 4th 5.0 Women’s Doubles any age, Brent Thompson and Jeremy Hudgin – 4th 4.0 Men’s Doubles any age. Other participants included Shane Cosby, Shane Boudreaux, Cody Dalton, Landon Wilson, and Mackenzie Wilson.



Myra Krenis, above left, and Jennifer-Wilson took the silver medal in the 4.5-womens-doubles.



Tyler Denbo, above left, and Kayla Travis won silver in the 4.5 mixed doubles.

Submitted photos

## Kentucky High School Crop Scouting Competition registration now open

Princeton, Ky.— The University of Kentucky is excited to announce the 2024 Crop Scouting Competition, a creative and educational contest designed for high school students interested in agriculture. This half-day event occurs July 25 at the UK Research and Education Center at Princeton, part of the Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment.

Teams of four to six high school students are invited to showcase their expertise in crop agronomics, pest identification and various aspects of crop production. This outdoor, hands-on event

offers students the chance to tackle real-world challenges in crop scouting.

“This competition provides students with a unique, hands-on learning experience focused on pest management and gives them an opportunity to answer real-world questions about agricultural production,” said Kiersten Wise, extension professor and plant pathology extension specialist.

The Crop Scouting Competition is more than just a contest; it is an educational experience allowing students to apply classroom knowledge in real-world settings.

Teams will compete for the top three spots, with cash prizes of up to \$500. The winner of each state’s crop scouting competition will secure a spot in the regional competition, where they will compete against champions from other states.

Competition slots are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Adult leaders interested in their teams’ participation are asked to register early. After reaching the maximum number of team slots, any additional teams will be placed on a waiting list.

To register, visit <https://bit.ly/43ggERe>. Registration is open until April 5.



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Photo by Jason Travis.

## Marshall County FFA sees great success at the Purchase Region Spring Delegate meeting

By Kelsey Edwards  
KPI Marshall Times Editor

The Purchase Region Spring Delegate Meeting and Paperwork Day for Future Farmers of America was hosted at Graves County High School. Several of the Marshall FFA members saw great success in their proficiency programs this year along with a great officer election. For election business, Ty Elrod was chosen as a candidate to run for the Kentucky FFA State Office at the convention in June! Abby Treas was voted as your 2024-2025 Purchase Region Reporter! Ty Elrod was selected as a candidate to interview for Purchase Region Star in Agribusiness and Purchase Region Star in Placement.

The members who received proficiency entries include Ag Mechanics Design and Fabrication: Ethan Odom- 1st Place, Ag Services: Ty Wood- 2nd Place Beef Production, Entrepreneurship: Ty Elrod- 1st Place, Beef Production Placement: Bryer Riley- 4th Place, Diversified Agriculture Production: Bryer Riley- 2nd Place, Diversified Crop Placement: Grayson Ragsdale- 3rd Place, Forage Production: Ty Elrod- 1st

Place, Poultry Production: Abby Treas- 4th Place, Sheep Production: Ty Wood- 2nd Place, and Veterinary Science: Abby Treas- 1st Place.

All of the first-place entries will go to compete at the state level with results coming out in June! Congratulations to every one of these members. They put great effort into what they are passionate about and it shows.

There are many ways in which one can participate. That includes Agriculture Sales CDE, Employment Skills LDE, Parliamentary Procedures CDE, Impromptu Speaking, Creed Speaking LDE–Freshman only, Extemporaneous Public Speaking, Prepared Public Speaking, FFA Quiz Bowl, Conduct of Chapter Meetings CDE, FFA Field Day, Agriscience Fair, Forestry CDE, and Food Science CDE. If you are interested in being a part of the Marshall County FFA Chapter, you can go and browse their webpage at <https://sites.google.com/marshall.kyschools.us/marshallcountyffa/> participate or contact one of the advisors or members for help in enrolling and placing membership!



## Marshall County Refuse District sets Spring Cleanup Day

By Kelsey Edwards  
KPI Marshall Times Editor

Now that it is officially Spring, that means Spring cleaning starts! Spring Cleanup Day for the Marshall County Refuse will be on April 20 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. That is a month away but will be here in no time, so start your cleaning and preparing now so the day off you can load it up and toss it. It is a time that you can get rid of all that old scrap and junk and start fresh. Regular Hours for the main station are as follows, Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All transfer stations are open Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Items that will be accepted at the Main Station only and only on the Spring Cleanup Day include building materials such as lumber, OSB board type material, shingles, sheetrock, vinyl siding, and large amounts of tile(no contractors). You can also take up to ten tires per household (no tire dealers). Passenger tires or smaller only, no rims. If you are

dropping off tires, expect to be asked for your name and address.

The Main Station accepts certain items from Marshall County residents during regular hours. Those items include scrap metal, appliances, furniture, electronics, carpet, toilet, bathtubs, single doors, mattress/box springs (five total), and of course brush and limbs (no contractors). Again, these are to only be dropped off at the Main station located at 835 Benton Briensburg Rd., not at any of the transfer stations.

There are nine transfer stations throughout the county, all of which accept several of the same items that the main station accepts. Those items include household garbage(in bags) in the green dumpsters, recyclable items such as paper and aluminum cans in the recycle trailers, cardboard boxes in the designated trailers/fenced areas, and small containers of motor oil in the designated areas. At this current moment, plastic bottles are NOT being collected for recycling.



# Discount chain closes local store

**By Teresa Pearson**  
KPI Staff

LACENTER - On Monday, March 18 the entire Dollar Tree/Family Dollar store in LaCenter was 50% off. Customers lined up as soon as the doors opened to get the huge savings. The check out line held a steady flow of full buggies all day, and for several days thereafter.

After shutting down the Family Dollar and then reopening in November as Dollar Tree/Family Dollar, the store is now closing for good.

Dollar Tree recently announced that

the chain is closing 1,000 store across the country. They have stated the reasons as low profit from theft, persistent inflation and reduced government benefits.

According to some news sources, years of mismanagement and poor conditions in some of the Family Dollar stores hurt the business even after Dollar Tree bought them out in 2015. Dollar Tree had difficulty absorbing the chain, and this year, the struggling discount chain was hit with a record 41-and-a-half million dollar fine, for violating product



Customers lined up at Dollar Tree/Family Dollar as soon as the doors opened to get the half price discount.

Photo by Teresa Pearson

safety standards.

During the fourth quarter of 2023, Dollar Tree underwent a review of its stores performance to identify locations to close, relocate or re-banner, the company said. “As a result of this review, we plan on closing approximately 600 Family Dollar stores in the first half of

current lease term,” the company said in the press release.

Locally, the Dollar Tree/Family Dollar was doing above average, but was still put on the chopping block because of the lease term ending, to the surprise of employees. Local customers were shocked and saddened by the news.

Dollar Tree, a Fortune 200 Company, Operates 16,774 stores across 48 states and five Canadian provinces as of Feb. 3. Stores operate under the brands of Dollar Tree, Family Dollar, and Dollar Tree Canada.

# Donut and coffee shop has grand opening, ribbon cutting

**By Alexa Tabor**  
KPI Staff

The City of Paducah gave their utmost congratulations to Buzz Donut and Coffee on their grand opening and ribbon cutting and grand opening of their store. It is located at 4790 Village Square Drive. Buzz Donut and Coffee plans to bring Paducah the freshest donuts and locally roasted coffee every day of the week. They are open from 5 am until 6 pm. The facility is both dine-in and pickup, and the donut shop prides themselves on having a variety of options in both their donut and drinks that they serve. Locals consider this to be a welcomed addition to the area and the entire region.



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# WKCTC offering free ultrasounds for expecting mothers

PADUCAH - West Kentucky Community and Technical College (WKCTC) is offering free ultrasounds for expecting mothers through its Diagnostic Medical Sonography (DMS) program. This initiative not only provides a valuable service to the community but also offers essential learning experiences for DMS students.

The free ultrasounds will take place each Monday afternoon throughout the spring semester in room W105 of the Barbara M. Veazey Health Sciences Building. Times for ultrasounds will vary, with available dates and times on March 25, April 1, April 15, April 22, and April 29 at 12 p.m., 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.

Nichole Toon, DMS program coordinator, highlighted the unique learning opportunity this program offers. She stated, “Ultrasounds are offered free each spring at WKCTC to create an opportunity for our students and the community to build a unique relationship, allowing our students to learn in a supervised, clinical setting while the ultrasound volunteers experience our DMS program firsthand.”

Expecting mothers who volunteer for the ultrasounds benefit from seeing their child, hearing the heartbeat, and gaining insight into the DMS field. They can also bring family or friends to share in the experience. The interaction between instructors and students during the ultrasound sessions allows DMS students to practice their patient care and scanning skills.

Keesha Vaughn, DMS clinical coordinator, emphasized the significance of this learning experience for students. She stated, “This is a vital learning experience for our students. Women who are in many different stages of their pregnancy can come in to be scanned. Our students get one-on-one time with DMS faculty to practice skills and protocols specific for obstetrics (OB). Students have the time to scan and ask questions without the pressure of a clinical patient schedule.”

To participate, volunteers must have had a previous normal ultrasound and provide an official document from their doctor stating completion of the normal ultrasound and permission to be scanned. It’s important to note that the ultrasounds at WKCTC are not diagnostic scans, and no diagnostic information will be provided.

To schedule an appointment for a free ultrasound at WKCTC, contact Nichole Toon at nichole.toon@kctcs.edu, (270) 534-3450, or Keesha Vaughn at keesha.vaughn@kctcs.edu, (270) 534-3487.

# Keiler Park playground removal and expansion begins

**By Alexa Tabor**  
Staff Report

After an announcement was made recently, the Paducah Parks and Recreation Department crews began removing the Keiler Park playground located at 2900 Broadway just last Monday. For an estimated one month, patrons can expect the playground area to be closed. This will allow for crews to fully remove the equipment and to prepare the site for updates. The installation will consist of new playground pieces as well as a rubber safety surface. After additions are made, the revamped playground will have better swings and a play structure that is designed for children ages five through 12.

The surrounding community, locals and businesses may also fund part of the playground expansion. This will aid the City of Paducah greatly in their endeavor, having received a Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant from GameTime. This grant gave the city an opportunity to purchase the playground equipment discounted at 50 percent overall.



# Prepare for extra traffic ahead of April 8 Total Solar Eclipse

**Influx of visitors expected to increase demand for food and fuel**

PADUCAH, Ky. Kentucky state and local agencies are continuing to plan for traffic surges expected during and after the total solar eclipse that will sweep across 13 states one month from now – the afternoon of Monday, April 8, 2024. In addition to asking travelers to be prepared, all businesses in the eclipse travel corridor are encouraged to make plans to maintain their supply lines and inventory of high-demand items ahead of the event.

The celestial event is expected to bring at least 150,000 visitors to the path where it crosses several Western Kentucky counties, with more than 1 million travelers predicted to drive through Kentucky to nearby viewing spots along the main path in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

Heavier than normal traffic could occur the weekend before the eclipse, especially near viewing areas in Hickman, Carlisle, Ballard, McCracken, Livingston, Crittenden, Union and Henderson counties. The most significant traffic rush is expected after the eclipse ends there and along Kentucky’s north-south highways as eclipse watchers head home.

Based on Kentucky’s 2017 total eclipse experiences, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) is working with Kentucky Emergency Management (KYEM), Kentucky State Police (KSP) and local emergency agencies on potential event impacts, including the potential traffic issues that may arise from thousands of visitors traveling through the commonwealth.

“We are encouraging area businesses across Kentucky to plan ahead for the influx of visitors,” said KYEM Interim Director Dustin Heiser. “While Kentucky is not the epicenter for eclipse chasers as it was in 2017, the potential for shortages of fuel, water, food and other staples will exist. We encourage residents and businesses to make eclipse plans with that in mind.”

KYTC Secretary Jim Gray shared practical tips for travelers to prepare for traffic surges.

“Spectators are encouraged to come early and stick around after the event to reduce the potential for hours-long gridlock that’s possible when a wave of thousands of drivers return home after the event,” said Secretary Gray. “Similar to a severe snow event, motorists should travel with an emergency car kit stocked with essential items for all passengers. It’s also a good idea to bring printed directions to your destination if there are cell service disruptions that impact your navigational apps.”

Some local business owners, including convenience stores and truck stops along the eclipse travel corridor, have reported they will follow the same practices a week ahead of other high-traffic events like the Bonnaroo Festival and Fan Fair in Nashville by stocking extra staple items, such as bottled water, keeping fuel storage tanks topped off and scheduling extra fuel deliveries at night when traffic is light.

Business Tips for a Safe Event

State officials offered the following suggestions for businesses:

- Plan early and overnight delivery of critical supplies due to possible daytime traffic snarls.
- Increase inventory of essential items with temporary storage space prior to the eclipse.
- Have delivery trucks and employees allow extra travel time for congestion.
- Plan fuel and food deliveries at night to avoid traffic.
- Consider flex work schedules to avoid expected difficult travel conditions.
- Encourage employees to have a full tank of gas prior to the time visitors begin to arrive in the area.

Spectator Tips for a Safe Event

Transportation officials offer the following suggestions for event goers:

- Plan ahead. Pick a viewing destination and book accommodations in advance. Get eclipse-viewing glasses.
- Be prepared. Travel with enough food and water for everyone in your vehicle. Expect lines at restaurants, convenience stores and grocery stores. Check the local weather.
- Drive smart. Don’t stop along highways or take photos while driving. Watch for pedestrians. Fill up or charge up your vehicle before traveling. Turn on headlights.
- Come early, stay late. Avoid leaving immediately after the event to reduce traffic congestion. Visit Kentucky attractions while in town. Several local communities in the total viewing path are organizing eclipse-related events on April 8.

Forecasted Traffic Impacts

Traffic into and through Western Kentucky along Interstate 24, Interstate 69 and U.S. 41 is expected to be congested, as is traffic along the Pennyroyal Parkway before, during and after the eclipse. The eclipse will add traffic to U.S. 231 and I-165, as well as I-64, I-65, I-71, I-75 and other north-south corridors that parallel these routes. Immediately after the eclipse, there is particular concern about traffic delays at Kentucky’s Ohio River crossings, where traffic from the main eclipse path to the north will enter Kentucky. Transportation Cabinet staff are evaluating options to temporarily remove lane restrictions in active work zones on select routes ahead of the event to ease traffic congestion. More details will be shared once plans are finalized.

The total solar eclipse will impact eight Kentucky counties and clip portions of four others. The totality phase will enter Kentucky around 2 p.m., CDT, April 8, in parts of Fulton and Hickman counties before crossing Ballard, McCracken, Livingston, Crittenden, Union and Henderson counties along the Ohio River. It will also pass over small portions of Carlisle, Graves, Webster and Daviess counties.

A photograph of a plate of food. It includes a slice of bread, a piece of meat, a serving of cheese, and a baked potato. There are also some small containers of sauce or butter.

- Daily Specials
- Plate Lunches
- Full Menu
- Breakfast served

# ALL DAY

A circular logo for Bluegrass RESTAURANT. The text "Bluegrass" is in a large, stylized font. Below it, "RESTAURANT" is in a smaller, bold font. At the bottom, it says "LaCenter, KY" and "270-665-5391". The outer ring of the logo contains the text "Celebrating & Serving the Community Since 1947".



# Car Ride Conversations: Meaningful Connection Time with Kids

By Jessica Golba, MSW, LSW, Youth First, Inc.

Car rides with your kiddos can be the perfect opportunity to have meaningful conversations. You will have their undivided attention and can discuss a variety of topics. Since you are not looking directly at them, they will be more apt to share. I suggest keeping the radio at a low volume or letting them choose the music. You will most likely be vying for attention from devices, music, or other kids. When possible, get them one-on-one, even if you are only running an errand to the bank or grocery store. If your teen is getting their license, ask them to drive you. Most jump



- at the chance to get driving time, and this will ensure they are device free.
- Here are some tips and ideas for topics to bring up during car rides:
1. Ask them about their day and how school is going. Ask open-ended questions. Limit the amount of yes/no questions, or all you will get are yes/no answers.
  2. Talk about their hobbies and interests. They may balk at talking about themselves at first, but keep at it!
  3. Ask if they have thought about what kind of job they want in the distant future. What about during high school? Tell them about your first job. I am always pointing out the orchard where I first worked, so often that my kids can tell the story on their own now.
  3. Share stories about your teenage

- years. If you see the make and model of your first car, you must point it out
4. Discuss current events or social issues. Refrain from judging and respect their viewpoint on the issues. Offer your view as an opinion, not fact.
  5. Ask fun/silly questions, such as: What kind of animal would you want when you are on your own and what would you name it?"
  6. Use the time to teach them important life skills like budgeting or changing a tire. With non-licensed kiddos, explain how a 4-way stop works, how to parallel park, and point out common road courtesy. These things can help in the future when they are learning to drive.
  7. Listen, listen, and listen. The ironic thing about not asking too many questions is that you will get more answers by remaining silent and letting your child talk. If they are willing to open up about issues they are having, let them talk. Asking too many questions can sometimes make a teen feel as if they are being judged or didn't
  8. In general, keep the topics light so that when you have to discuss something more serious they are already used to listening to you (and hearing what you have to say).
  9. When in doubt, bad "Dad jokes" will at least get an eye roll, such as, You know what bugs me? Insect puns.

Remember, the key to having great conversations with your kids in the car is to be a good listener and show genuine interest in what they say. With some effort, car rides with your kids can become some of the best conversations you will ever have.

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# 2024-25 high school spirit rules change

LEXINGTON — Continued efforts to promote skill development and minimize risk led the way for 15 rules changes recommended by the NFHS Spirit Rules Committee at its February 13-14 meeting in Orlando, Florida. All recommended changes were approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

One major rule change for the 2024-25 high school spirit season involves the separation of braced vs. non-braced transitions. Rule 3-5-6 is a new section that

defines a non-braced transition and the conditions that need to be met to achieve one. This change separates out releases in pyramid and standalone releases to make it easier to find for coaches and officials.

A change in Rule 3-7-2 removes the requirement of the secondary spotter in single-based dismounts to the performing surface that include a skill. In many cases, the secondary spotter created more of a risk by getting in the way of the main spotter. If

the main catcher for some reason is unable to catch, the secondary spotter will be unable to assist in a meaningful way.

"As the bases were moving, the spotter was getting in the way. It's about risk minimization. Bases are free to move the way they move," said James Weaver, NFHS director of performing arts and sports and liaison to the NFHS Spirit Rules Committee.

In Rule 1-Definitions, the Spirit Rules Committee approved a definition of jewel-

ry as "any personal adornment worn on the body." The committee felt that there needed to be a definition for jewelry to have a line between the adornments that are allowed and not allowed.

Much of Rule 4 pertaining to Dance was changed to help reduce redundancies and for ease of reference. Rules 4-4-8, 4-4-10 and 4-4-11 were removed because the skills stated in each section are already permitted in dance. In some cases, the skills were also already

restricted due to Rule 4-4-2.

New language in Rule 3-8-2 allows all soft props to be in the non-support hand, further following dance language. During Game Day activities, many teams have soft props such as crumpled flags, bandanas etc. These props are now allowed because they do not increase risk during tumbling.

In Rule 3-10 on Props, teams are not allowed to throw a prop from one person to another, and several situations were approved as rules including the change that hands-free poms are now allowed in both cheer and dance.

"Having a section specific to props that outlines restrictions as rules instead of interpretations will help coaches and officials," Weaver said.

Other rules changes include:

Rule 3-3-5 c&d now allows the bracers in a braced flip to descend into a load as the braced flip is coming down and going to cradle. It still requires braces to be in the preps at the beginning of the flip.

Rule 3-3-6c3 adds language that disallows the top person to go directly from an upright vertical position at prep level to an inverted position.

Rule 3-4-2 was

changed to Rule 3-2-10 as it fits better in that section.

Rule 3-6-5 adds language regarding a vertical seated/pike position. When starting from a vertical seated/pike position at prep level or above, the top person may not perform any twist to a vertical seated/pike position.


Rule 4-1-3b2 adds language that permits kip ups and headsprings to no longer require footwear that covers the whole foot. The impact of kip ups and headsprings do not pose a significant risk because they are only airborne in approach.

Rule 4-5-3 added language regarding the restriction of non-braced release stunts. Dance participants are already not allowed to do braced releases, and doing a release while braced is used as a lead-up skill.

A complete listing of the spirit rules changes will be available on the NFHS website at [www.nfhs.org](http://www.nfhs.org). Click on "Activities & Sports" at the top of the home page and select "Spirit."

According to the 2022-23 NFHS High School Athletics Participation Survey, competitive spirit ranks eighth in participation for girls with 149,694 participants in 7,216 schools.

## TORNADO TERMINOLOGY



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BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Marshals capture 1st Region title

Staff Report

MURRAY — Determined Marshall County defeated McCracken County 54-46 in the 1st Region Boys' Basketball Tournament title game at Murray State University on Sunday, March 10.

Marshall County won its first regional championship since 2012.

Following the win, Marshall County (25-7) advanced to the KHSAA Boys' Sweet 16 State Basketball Tournament.

Marshall County shot 41.5 percent (17-of-41) from the field. The Marshals made four of 10 three-point field goal attempts.

Marshall County shot 72.7 percent (16-of-22) from the free

throw line.

Matthew Langhi scored 17 points and cleared out seven rebounds to lead Marshall County to the win. Langhi was the only Marshall County player to reach double figures.

Narrowly missing double figures for Marshall County, Kaden Mohler netted nine points while Ryan Stokes posted eight points.

Eight different players broke into Marshall County's scoring column. The additional scorers for Marshall County were Alex Staples (six points), Orrin Phelps (five points), Logan Parker (four points), Tommy Robertson (four points) and Kzy-er Phillips (one point).



Marshall County Boys heading to Lexington. Photo from Marshall County Athletics Facebook post.

McCracken County shot 34 percent (16-of-47) from the field. The Mustangs made four of 14 three-point field goal attempts.	McCracken County shot 71.4 percent (10-of-14) from the free throw line.	Jackson Klope scored 15 points and pulled down eight rebounds to lead the Mustangs. Finishing directly behind Klope	in McCracken County's scoring column, Connor Miller netted 14 points.	Chipping in offensively, Caden Fulcher (six points), Owen Grogan (five points),	Dylan Jackson (four points) and Grayson Parish (two points) accounted for the rest of McCracken County's scoring.
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CCA Basketball Banquet for the 2023-2024 season



The players were recognized with the following awards:

**CCA Warriors:** Warrior Award - Jake Rambo, MVP - Ahmed Dee, Best FG % - Miles Jendro, Free Throws Made and Free Throw % - Bradon DeJarnett, Best Shooter - Cooper Reed, Defensive Player - Shad Luker, Most Improved - Jonah Anderson

**CCA Lady Warriors:** Lady Warrior Award - Annie Jones, MVP Most Points, Most Rebounds - Audrey Tucker, Best FG % - Carmella Saxton, 100% Hustle Award - Abigail Wring, 3 Pointers Made and 3 Pointer % - Emma Wring, Sixth Man Award - Lucy Jones, Most Improved - Cecily Ford



Trace Creek's 'The Promise' returns for 23rd year this weekend

By **CHIP HUTCHESON**  
Kentucky Today

MAYFIELD, Ky. (KT) — The biggest outreach opportunity of the year begins this weekend for Trace Creek Baptist Church when it presents “The Promise,” a musical drama that follows the life of Jesus Christ.

This will mark the 23rd year for the church to host thousands over two weekends that include eight performances.

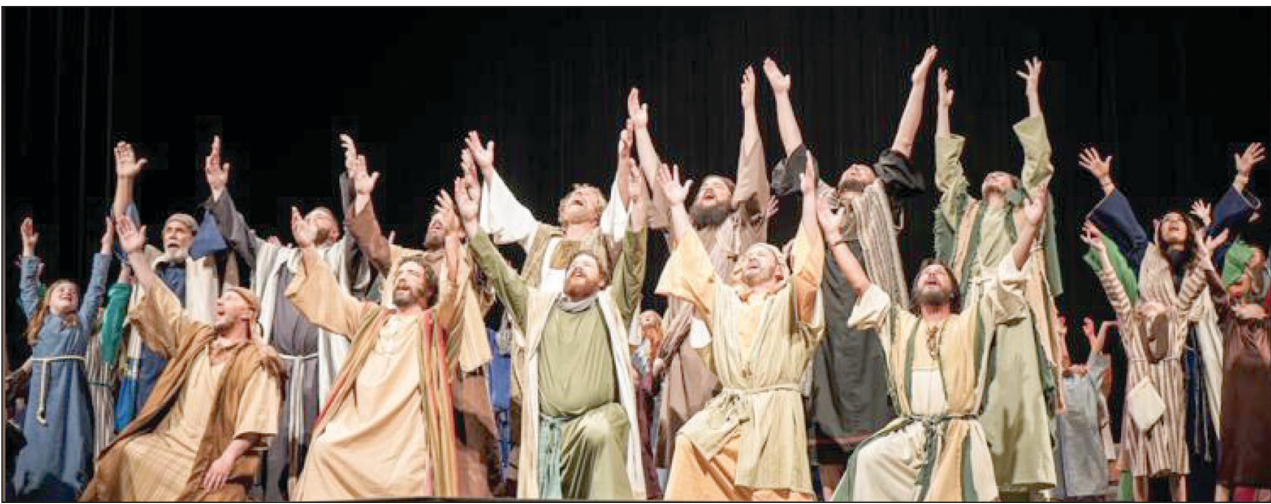
“The Promise” will be performed this weekend, beginning Friday, at Trace Creek Baptist Church in Mayfield.

“For Trace Creek, it has become part of our DNA — it is part of what we do as a church,” said TJ Skeen, minister of music and lead director for The Promise. “It is the biggest outreach opportunity we have as a church to share the gospel.” Last year there were seven performances and more than 7,000 people reached with the gospel of Jesus Christ. There were 60 decisions for Christ recorded. “We see individuals saved each year through the

performances and, sometimes, even the rehearsals,” according to the church’s web-site.

Although the production is held every year, Skeen said it is “amazing to us that every year, when we poll the audience, more than 50 percent have never seen it before. For this many years, over half have never seen it— what a blessing to know that we are able through the Lord to have that impact. The story is the same, but the program is not exactly the same each year. One of the best feedback comments we get from our guests is that something is always a little different.”

This year the church will have about 450 people involved in the cast and crew. “It’s a blessing to see our new people who have joined in the past year get involved,” Skeen noted, saying church members “really encourage new people to get involved.” He said one couple who was in the drama for the first time last year are doing it again this year, and their newborn son will be portraying Baby Jesus.



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“This is exhausting and hard work, but we have a blast doing it,” Skeen said. He and his wife and their three children are all part of the production. “It is something we can do as a family.”

“The play began in Glen Rose, Texas, in 1989 and then went to Branson, Mo., in 1996. In 1993, The Promise became the first Christian production to be allowed into the former Soviet Union. In the late 1990s, Trace Creek obtained the rights to present the production, beginning

with our inaugural 2000 season. It was interrupted two years by Covid. All seating is ground level, so no steps are involved. Reservations are not taken for Easter Sunday, but the church said there is enough room to seat groups at that performance. Seen said The Promise attracts people from throughout the western Kentucky area and from out of state.

Group reservations can be made at <http://www.tracecreek.org/the-promise-2024>. For more information, persons can call the church office at 270-658-3304. Ronnie Stinson, Jr., is senior pastor.

The Promise scheduled performances are:

- Friday, March 22: 7 p.m.
- Saturday, March 23: 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- Sunday, March 24: 2 p.m.
- Friday, March 29: 7 p.m.
- Saturday, March 30: 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- Easter Sunday, March 31: 6 p.m.





# Ag Update

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

## Managing the damage of stink bugs

As their name implies, brown marmorated stink bugs are not just stinky—they can seriously harm crops. You must take action to keep this pest away, regardless of the size of your field or garden.

Although brown marmorated stink bugs have long been present in the eastern part of the state, since 2019 they have started appearing in more counties in Western Kentucky. This invasive species resembles native stink bugs in appearance, but it has a gray belly, and a brown, mottled top along with white bands on its antennae.

These stink bugs will consume any crop. Sweet corn, eggplant, peppers and tomatoes are a few of their favorite foods. They also prey on ornamental trees like redbuds and field crops like soybeans. Their feeding discolors crops, turns their insides corky, and—most importantly—makes them inedible.

Home and commercial growers should take prompt action to control brown marmorated stink bugs because of their capacity to quickly decimate crops.

Here are some quick tips:

- They smell strongly, so you don't want to smash them. Even if you inadvertently crush them, their odor will keep other stink bugs away from your crops. To eliminate them in large quantities, you can sweep them off plants and place them in buckets of soapy water.
- When stink bugs are small, homeowners can control them with insecticidal soap; for larger stink bugs, use products containing pyrethroids. You can also utilize physical exclusion techniques like netting or row covers to keep the stink bugs out of your yard. When using row covers, timing is crucial because you don't want to use them to impede pollination.
- Since the brown marmorated stink bug most frequently infiltrates along field edges, commercial producers should concentrate their monitoring efforts there. In these circumstances, pyrethroid products can also be helpful.
- Throughout the summer, stink bugs will most likely produce two generations, so keep a careful eye on your crops. Early summer is when the first generation will emerge, and late summer or early fall is when the second generation does.
- Brown marmorated stink bugs may begin to appear in your home as the weather cools off and they seek cover from the elements. Toward the end of August, they can also begin to cluster on the exterior of homes. If homeowners spot these stinkbug parties, they can spray them with soapy water and kill them before they end up inside.

Source: Jonathan Larson, UK extension entomologist

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## Angler catches new Kentucky state record yellow perch

A Tennessee angler fishing Lake Barkley over the weekend caught Kentucky's new state record yellow perch.

Lynn Bumgardner's fish weighed 1.58 pounds on a certified scale, eclipsing the old record of 1.44 pounds set in 2010. Bumgardner, of Oliver Springs, Tennessee, caught his fish on the Trigg County side of the lake March 2.

"We were trolling grubs for crappie in Linton Bay on Lake Barkley," said Bumgardner. "When I caught that one, I knew immediately it was a heavy fish."

Bumgardner, a television actor by trade, was fishing with an old friend, Lee Andrews, Kentucky field supervisor for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The two were about to head in for the day when the record yellow perch struck.

"The fish rolled over and I saw the great big belly and I saw the stripes and I knew it was a perch," Bumgardner said. "I said 'Lee, I've caught the new state record yellow perch.' I didn't know if it really was, but it was the largest perch I'd ever seen."

Andrews checked the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website on his phone and saw the record was 1.44 pounds. "That thing weighs more than that," Andrews told his fishing partner.

"We weighed it on hand-held digital scales and it was 1 pound, 9 and 1/8-ounces," Andrews recalled. "I told him if it weighs that much, you do have the state record."

The anglers took the fish to the Food Giant grocery store in Cadiz and had it weighed on a certified scale, a requirement to confirm state record status. The 14 1/4-inch perch weighed 1.58 pounds, a bit less than the inaccurate weight recorded by the hand-held digital scale.

Andrews and Bumgardner, who have fished together since they were teenagers, continued fishing after catching the big yellow perch. Finally, their curiosity got the best of them and they headed to shore with the fish in the livewell.



### Bumgardner holds the new Kentucky record yellow perch caught at Lake Barkley.

Photo courtesy of Lee Andrews.

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# Insulation and home efficiency

Insulation can go a long way toward making a home more comfortable. Insulation reduces the transfer of heat from indoors and outdoors so homes stay more comfortable in both the winter and summer. Insulation also can block exterior noise. A properly insulated home is a must, particularly in the wake of rising energy costs. Insulation will help a home be more energy efficient.

The following are some facts about insulation and home efficiency that illustrate how much homeowners can benefit from upgrading their insulation.

- Unless damaged, insulation lasts for the life of the building. Some settling of insulation may occur, particularly with loose-fill type insulation, and gaps can be filled in.
- During the Middle Ages, walls of homes were stuffed with straw and mud to help keep out the cold. It is one of the first documented types of insulation.
- Manufacturers continue to experiment with insulation materials. Environmentally friendly options include recycled cotton denim, paper or plant cellulose, and sheep's wool.
- Large pieces of insulation are called batts. Traditionally they are made from pink fiberglass, which is extremely fine woven glass. It's important to realize fiberglass insulation can release small particles or fibers in the air when disturbed, so respiratory protection and gloves should be used when handling to reduce risk of irritation.



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# Lawn watering and fertilizing techniques

Knowing how much water and fertilizer to apply and when to apply it can make a big difference in the appearance and health of a lawn. There is no magic formula on when to fertilize a lawn. Experts suggest having the soil tested to determine its pH levels and if any nutrients are lacking. A fertilizing schedule can then be developed after testing.

Keep in mind that overfeeding a lawn will not make it grow any better and actually can damage the turf. Several small applications of fertilizer during the lawn's most active growing period may be helpful, advises the home improvement resource Tools Around the House. An annual application (late spring for warm-season grass or fall for cool-season grass) may be all that's needed.

Certain fertilizers need to be applied and watered in. Others may be combined with weed-control products and must be set on top of damp grass. Read packaging to determine the right application.

The right watering schedule and techniques can help a lawn thrive. Scotts® says adjusting for climate and nature can help grass to grow strongly. A lawn that has a grayish cast or appears dull green is telling an owner that it needs water. Another test is to step on the lawn. If footprints disappear quickly, the grass blades have enough moisture to spring back.

Water the lawn in the morning before 10 a.m. when it's cooler and the winds tend to be calm so that the water can soak in and will not contribute to disease.

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# DIY strategies to deep-clean carpeting

What's underfoot in a home can go a long way toward making residences comfortable and aesthetically appealing.

Carpeting and rugs can offset some of the shortcomings of hardwood, providing a softer texture that makes for a better landing spot for active young children. However, carpets will require more maintenance than hardwood floors. Learning how to deep clean carpets can help homeowners, as vacuuming is not enough to keep carpets in top form.

Spot clean stains

Stores sell a bevy of carpet cleaning solutions. When applying such solutions, do so in an inconspicuous area of the room to ensure colorfastness of the carpet and that the solution does not adversely affect the fibers. If the spot is clean and the carpet is not adversely affected, you can then apply the solution to more visible areas.

Homeowners who prefer all-natural cleaning solutions rather than chemicals can use a solution of white vinegar, baking soda and salt to make a safe cleanser. Soak the stain, use a scrub brush to work in the cleanser and then blot up the liquid with a clean cloth. According to the lifestyle resource First for Women, club soda also works as a cleanser when it is sprayed on a stain.

Carpets periodically need to be revitalized, and that can be accomplished with a specialized cleaning machine. Many are available for purchase (a good investment for homeowners with kids and/or pets), while others can be rented as needed.

Remove all of the furniture from a room and vacuum to clean dust, dander and any other debris. Address any darker stains first by pretreating with a cleaning solution. Let sit for around 20 minutes. While waiting, learn how to operate the machine, fill it and clean out the soiled water. Never allow the machine to oversaturate the carpet with water, as it can get into the padding and subfloor, causing problems like mold or wood damage. Spray the water-detergent solutions, and then pass the carpet cleaner over spots repeatedly until the carpet feels only slightly damp. DoItYourself.com advises running the machine at the pace of one foot per second.

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# Will we sell our birthright?

By Teresa LeNeave  
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One decision, one choice we make, often sets the course of our lives, or even a nation. I think about the stories in the Bible and how if they had tweeted their choice, just slightly, history would have been so different.

I'm thinking of a particular story that most people are familiar with. The one involving Jacob and his brother Esau. Jacob was a homebody, while his brother Esau was an outdoorsman. Esau loved the woods. He loved hunting. More than likely he was a provider of much of the meat his family ate.

After one of his hunting trips, he returns home, tired, dirty and starving. The smell of hot soup cooking on the fire,

took his breath away and apparently his ability to make good decisions, too.

In the story, he asked his brother Jacob for some of his delicious soup, but the selfish and self-serving Jacob saw an opportunity to take something of great value from his brother. He told him he could only have soup if he sold him his birthright in exchange.

Now, you must remember the first-born's birthright was of great value. The fact that he would sell it for a bowl of soup is beyond comprehension. Especially, when you realize he sold a lifetime of birthright for a temporary bowl of soup that was a very little value.

Here's a grown man who knows how to take care of himself in the woods; knows how to survive in the out-

doors yet, for a measly bowl of soup he sells the most valuable possession he owns.

He trades his future for something of very little value. And even more amazing, he trades it for something that will be gone in just a few hours. In a very short time he would be hungry again.

How ironic is it that we are very much like Esau? The Bible asked, "What will you give in exchange for your soul?" But, like Esau, we are often willing to give up the peace of our souls for temporary satisfaction.

A grown man who knew he could have gone in the kitchen and made himself some soup, was willing to sell out his future for something right before him.

He took the easy way out. He had no idea he was choosing

temporary pleasure for a lifetime of pain. Sadly, once he had his fill of stew, his senses returned and he begged to get his birthright back but Jacob knew the value of what he had and was not about to give it back.

Sometimes we can't think of nothing past the thing in front of us. The things we want. Our brain is powerfully amazing and it just seems to pull us in the wrong direction, but think God for Grace. For that I am so grateful.

There is an old song that says love

grew where the blood fell. God's love has never diminished. Esau didn't live in the dispensation of grace, but we do. All our sins and shame are covered by the blood of Jesus when we call on him. For that I am so grateful.

Humans have a terrible weakness for trading something of great value, for something of little value. Esau is one of the best biblical examples of someone who made a single choice that affected his entire life and the entire life of a nation.

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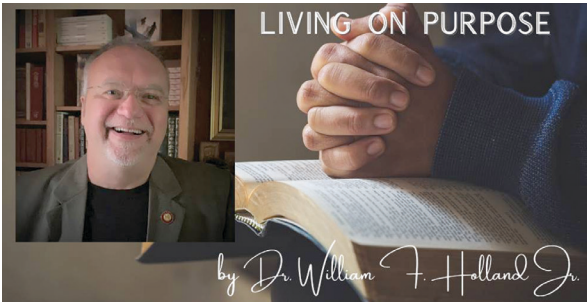
future, we're going to have some tough choices to make, and we need to ask God to help us make those choices: because choices we make today always determines our tomorrows.

## Do we really want to know God's plan?

By Billy Holland  
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Those of us who have been in the Christian faith for a while joyfully embrace Romans chapter eight as it is filled with encouraging promises. God has been so good to us and we know it's because of His endless love that we can enjoy an abundant life filled with blessings. Of course, we have our share of frustrations and disappointments, but for the most part, the Lord provides for our basic needs and to be honest, He has also given us a lot of luxuries. When things are going well, let's not become more focused on the gifts than the giver.

We realize the world judges success with how much money and talent a person has and all the things they accumulate throughout their lifetime, but for the followers of Christ, our greatest accomplishment will be how close we are to God and our obedience to Him. By the way, we can be as close to Him as we



want, and this brings up a critical question as to how important this is to us.

Life has its seasons and sometimes things can get rough, especially the unexpected crisis. It's not being negative to say there will be trials that will try to knock us off our feet, but is there a way we can at least somewhat be prepared to handle adversity when it comes? I believe the answer is yes. It's not easy, but when we develop a friendship with God and understand who He is, trusting Him can be our first response. When problems arise, the only thing in our power is our attitude toward it; we can either ask God which choices to make that will help us do His will and be victorious, or we can resent it and in bit-

terness surrender to defeat. It's not what happens, it's how we react.

My friend Jonah Mitchell in his book, "The Rocks Go With The Farm" explains that problems and difficulties are inevitable and our ideas about how we want to see our problems solved are not always the way God is planning. It's not about how many rocks we hit with our plow, it's how determined we are to not allow obstacles to define who we are and what God wants to do within us. Most of the time we just want a quick fix, but our Father desires that we become spiritually mature and wise in our quest to be more like Him. I recommend this book

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Fishing is a great sport that millions of men and women participate in each year. Most of the country boasts of its places to fish and each area has its specialty. For instance, my area is known for its lakes. Other areas are known for their rivers or streams, and

some for their access to the ocean. There really is something for everyone. What I forget many times about fishing is how my success today is based on what has happened yesterday or even the past several days. It may be beautiful and sunny today but if the last several days were full of rain, it may be impossible to fish. This doesn't affect

the larger bodies of water as much, but it still makes a difference. The rivers and streams will always show the effect of the weather of a few days earlier.

Every time I think about this truth, I am reminded of how important it is for me to do the right things today so I can be ready for what might happen in the future. So many people live

their lives only reacting to the situations they find themselves in. In many cases this is no big deal, but in some it will surely bring the wrong reaction. The best way to ensure the right response is preparing for the action ahead of time. For instance, if you are fishing with the expectation of the possibility of an evening thunderstorm, you will be both prepared for it and not taken aback when it comes. Many times, in our spiritual lives we are thrown into a storm. The Bible is clear that these will come to all our lives

from time to time. Thus, we need to expect them and be prepared for them as well. But how? We do this by knowing what the Bible says about these storms and by reading how God delivered His people in and through them. When we see how God responded then, we know how He will respond in our situation as well. As a result, we will not be blindsided by whatever comes our way. There is a Biblical principle here. It's this. Regarding our natural life, "you reap what you sow." If you sow into your life the truths about

God now, you will reap the benefits of right reactions when you're caught in the storm later. Don't wait until you're in the storm to look for needed help. Everything you need to prepare for is available now.

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

## Holland

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for those who are serious about learning self-discipline, renewing the mind, and personal transformation.

In the hard times, we are tempted to deny the situation, which we all know is like putting a band-aid on a broken arm. Some search for peace on their own as they give up on faith

and live in misery. My friend, the Bible is true and it's all about God's love. Luke chapter one and verse 37 declares, "For with God nothing shall be impossible." I realize some will say, "You

do not comprehend the severity of my problem" and that might be true, but God understanding everything and being concerned about everyone is absolute truth!

Have you asked Jesus to be your Master and Lord? Do you believe that He died so that you could live? He loves you and has a perfect plan for your life! Instead of seeing God as a cosmic Genie, bow before Him in reverential fear and worship Him as the Almighty Creator of heaven and earth. We are not molding God into our image, it's the other way around.

Depression and feeling sorry for ourselves are real emotions and unfortunately, a lot of

people are smiling on the outside but are crying on the inside. The good news is that we can be set free from the snare traps of deception and instead of being sad or angry because God is not "fixing it" let's ask Him to let us see ourselves the way He sees us. Have you considered the answer might be that we are the one that needs to be changed? Honestly examining the big picture of our situation and analyzing every detail will allow us to trace the cause of our discouragement and hopeful-

ly, we can discover a deeper understanding of our situation. When we comprehend how our personal trigger mechanisms and response buttons operate, this is a huge step toward discerning how our thoughts dictate our confidence and contentment.

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# Updates and changes for First Baptist Church in Mayfield

By Denise Cooper

**Restoring the building:**  
The iconic Gothic building that is First Baptist Church, located in the tornado-struck area of Mayfield, was built in 1929. In 1844 however, long before the building existed, the church was established when 14 people met at the home of J.B. Hurt just east of Mayfield. The First Baptist Church body and its building have had a long-standing history of building back from destruction. Twice the physical building burned down over the church's 180-year existence. Their resilient mindset was echoed by Pastor Wes Fowler in more recent sermons reminding "you don't have to have a building to be

a church." When everything seems lost, it is important to remember what truly matters. Right after the 2021 tornado had made their church uninhabitable, the leadership and congregation of First Baptist Church knew the answer - "To come together . . . to worship the Lord and share the good news of Jesus Christ that's what matters," associate pastor Blake Shuecraft had shared with WPSD6 News just days after the tornado. The church met in the damaged sanctuary on December 12, just two days after the tornado had hit. For two years now, First Baptist has been meeting in schools, libraries, recreation buildings and homes, while 100,000 sq. ft. of building space is

being repaired. Terry and Yvonne Yates, have been long-time members of First Baptist and Terry serves as one of the deacons. He shared an overview of the damage and renovations that have been in place during a recent interview. First Baptist had almost finished a 10 year long, \$2 million renovation project of their three buildings when the new challenge of repairing 80% of those buildings occurred. The spaces affected were: the children's building, education building and the sanctuary. The damage started with a missing roof and the accompanying water damage from rain, which meant everything on the interiors needed to be redone. All the windows and stained glass had to be replaced. Much work has already been done. The second floor of the children's building is nearly complete. The gym floor has been laid and striped. Most notably, the window encasing the lighted cross has been repaired, which served as a beacon of hope the night of the tornado. Recent projects for the children's building being addressed are: flooring on the first floor, painting,



The front of First Baptist Photo by Denise Cooper

and tiling of bathrooms. Plumbing in the kitchen is complete and some windows in the Wilson Hall portion have been installed. The stone facing of the exterior was repaired and will be painted so the exterior looks cohesive. Lighting and sound systems

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for the sanctuary will be one of the last items to get done. The parking lots need to be repaired once construction equipment is gone.

Yates said that some supply issues created delays in moving forward with some repairs; it took over a year to get all windows ordered and shipped. Due to the previously planned sanctuary renovation, the

pews had been stored safely away and were not damaged. The stained glass windows were peppered with holes and had to be replaced. Fortunately they were able to match the existing windows so that you would never know

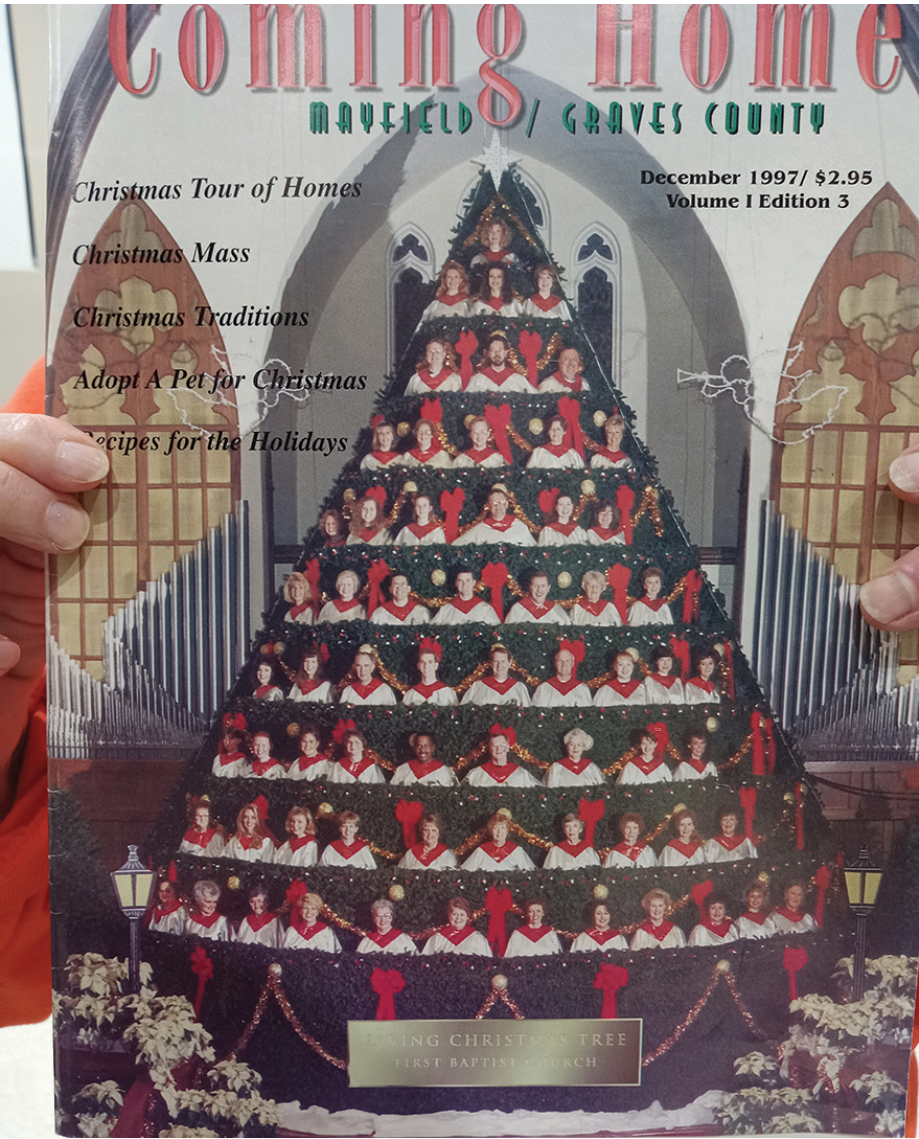
they were not the original stained glass. The First Baptist congregation has continued to worship and serve despite not having a building. Currently, they are meeting at Graves Co. H.S., Performing Arts Center, 1220 Eagles Way, Mayfield, at 9:30 on Sunday mornings and they meet in people's homes or businesses for Sunday School. Bible study is held on Tuesdays at the Graves Co. Associational office, and weddings, baby showers, and other special events have been held at Highpoint Baptist Church.

**Changes in store for First Baptist going forward:**

In this new season of the church, there are some things that will change. One item that will not be recreated is the framework for the Living Christmas tree. The special metal structure rose 45 feet tall and held singers on different tiers. It had been in use for over 30 years – 1989-2019 and brought choir participants from several Mayfield churches together to celebrate Christmas at First Baptist Church. The only thing that had kept the Living Christmas tree production from taking place prior to the tornado was COVID. First Baptist, Associate Pastor

of Worship, Paul Murphy, is planning to bring about something new for future celebrations, Yates said.

Another new going forward at First Baptist is that Senior Pastor, Wes Fowler, has been chosen to be Executive Director of the Missouri Baptist Convention, a position he started in October. Pastor Fowler was a fifth generation attendee of First Baptist Church and had been the senior pastor for 10 years when the tornado hit. Former Associate Pastor, Paul Wilkerson, is coming back to fill the senior pastor position at First Baptist in April.



Living Christmas tree on publication used with permission from Kings Publishing, Mayfield.

FOOD PANTRIES

- Ballard**

  - **Ballard County Community Food Pantry** located at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 662 Broadway, LaCenter. Call 270-665-5551 M-W-F 9 - 12 noon.
  - **Food bank at New Liberty United Methodist Church** is open every third Wednesday from 5 to 6 p.m. The church is located at the intersection of New Liberty Church Road and Ogden Landing road Turn off of Hwy 60 by the bank in Kevil. Call 270-462-3946
  - **The Food Pantry at Lovelaceville United Methodist Church** is open 1st & 3rd on Wednesdays at 4 - 4:30 serving all of western KY 270-488-2135. or 270-488-3349.
  - **Ohio Valley Baptist Church Food Pantry** 1424 hwy.60 west Ledbetter, Ky. Hours are by appt. On Thursday at 9 am. Saturday at 12 noon. Please call for an appt. at 270 898-3345. If you have an Emergency need contact 270 205-7892. We also have a clothing shop if you specify to shop when receiving food.
  - Carlisle**
    - **Milburn Methodist Church** Every Wednesday 4 to 5 pm. Hwy 80, Milburn, KY
    - **Bardwell Baptist Church**, 323 HWY 51 N, Bardwell, KY, United States, Kentucky - M-W 8-4 p.m and Thurs. 8-12. For Carlisle Co. Residents.
  - McCracken**
    - **Family Services Society, Inc.** 827 Joe Clifton Dr. Paducah 270-443-4838
- **Paducah Cooperative Ministry** 402 Legion Dr. Paducah 270-442-6795
  - **St. Vincent de Paul Helpline** 2025 Cairo Road, Paducah Open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Graves**

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- Marshall**

  - **Marshall County Bags of Hope** 3265 Mayfield Hwy Benton, KY 270-252-0266
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- Livingston**

  - **Livingston County Helping Hands** 509 Mills St. Smithland, KY 270-928-3383
- Calloway:**

**Russell Chapel United Methodist Church**, 229 Rowlett Trail, Murray KY has a community food pantry every 3rd Tuesday of the month from 2-4 pm. Also a clothing "closet" with a wide variety of clothing that is available to the public on that day. Phone number is 270-970-8412.

ONLINE ONLY AUCTION

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Funeral Notice

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Robert Edward ‘Acey’ Watson

Robert Edward “Acey” Watson, age 85, of Bardwell, Kentucky, Passed away on Friday, March 15, 2024, at his home.

Robert was born on February 14, 1939, in Bardwell, Kentucky, to the late Joseph L. and Reba Bodkin Watson. He was a member of Bardwell Baptist Church. Robert graduated from Murray State University, where he would later finish his Masters in Administration. He began his career in education, teaching Math at Christian County High School. Robert would later move to the Carlisle County Schools System, where he retired as Superintendent. Robert also worked on the family farm, where they grew row crops and raised cattle. He loved sports, especially watching the Carlisle County Comets and Kentucky Wildcats play Basketball, and was excited to see the recent success of his favorite NFL team, the Kansas City Chiefs. Robert also enjoyed hunting and fishing in his younger years. His family will forever remember his soft and



big heart and for being the most loving husband, father and grandfather.

Robert is survived by his wife of 51 years, Brenda Hudgens Watson; his daughter, Robbie (Chris) Shuemaker, of Bardwell; his son, Justin (Lacey) Watson, of Bardwell; four grandchildren, Dr. Todd (Dr. Jennifer) Shuemaker, of Bowling Green; Stacie (Lee) Zarate, of Paducah, Ty Watson and Molly Jo Watson, both of Bardwell; and four great-grandchildren, Norah Shuemaker, Matthew Shuemaker, Zoe Zarate and Weston Zarate.

He was preceded in death by his parents. A graveside service was held at 2:00 pm on Sunday, March 17, 2024, at Roselawn Cemetery, with Bro. Ronnie Stinson and Bro. Jason Burnett officiating.

There was no public visitation. Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Bardwell was in charge of arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St Jude PL, Memphis, TN 38105.

You may share a Hug from Home, leave a message or light a candle at [www.milnerandorr.com](http://www.milnerandorr.com)

Funeral Notice

Obituaries furnished to Kentucky Publishing

Gary F. Keylon

After a long illness with breast cancer Gary F. Keylon, age 77, of Mayfield passed away January 2, 2024 at the Jackson Purchase Medical Center in Mayfield.



Keylon-Boyd of Knoxville, TN, her children, Caleigh Noel Boyd and Kaia Jakobie Boyd; one brother,

David Keylon of Kingston, TN; Charlotte’s children, Jessica Riley of Mayfield, KY, Julia (Mike) Widmann of Franklin, TN; Jason (Crystal) Riley of Sedalia, KY; other grandchildren, Tyler Widmann, Lee Spears, Ethan Carlton, Jayce Riley and Cejay Riley. He was preceded in death by his parents F.F. and Marie Keylon; two brothers, Michael and Richard Keylon; one sister, Karen Thacker. A life celebration for Mr. Gary F. Keylon will be held 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 23, 2024 at Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY. Memorial contributions can be made to: Mercy Health Foundation - Cancer Fund, 1530 Lone Oak Rd., Paducah, KY 42003 or to the charity of your choice in memory of Gary F. Keylon.

Gary is survived by his wife of 34 years, Charlotte McReynolds Keylon; his only daughter, Cassandra

away on March 12, 2024 at Spring Creek Healthcare. Funeral services were held on March 17, 2024, at the Heritage Chapel of Imes Funeral Home. Burial followed at Farmington Cemetery.

Mr. Bruce DuCharme, 74, of New Concord, passed away on March 13, 2024, while in hospice care. No services are planned at this time.

Mr. James “Jim” Clendenen, 81, of Murray, passed away on March 17, 2024, at Gentiva Hospice in Paris, TN. The funeral service will be held Saturday, March 23, 2024, at Christian Fellowship Church, Highway 68 E., Benton. Burial with military honors will follow at Murray City Cemetery. Visitation is from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. at the church. Imes Funeral Home has arrangements.

Mr. Kim Wilson Wallis, 79, of Murray, passed away, March 11, 2024, while in hospice care in Murray. A memorial service was held on March 17, 2024, at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Burial followed in the Murray City Cemetery.

Mr. Harold Dean “Speedy” Jones, 85, passed away March 14, 2024, at Baptist Health in Paducah. The family is planning a service for a later date. J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services has arrangements.

• CARLISLE •

Robert Edward “Acey” Watson, 85, of Bardwell, passed away on March 15, 2024, at his home. A graveside service was held on March 17, 2024, at Roselawn Cemetery.

James C. Webb, passed away peacefully in the comfort of his home on March 13, 2024. Funeral services were held on March 16, 2024 at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Arlington. Burial at Arlington Cemetery.

Funeral Notice

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Barbara Ann Perry

Barbara Ann Perry, passed away peacefully on March 18, 2024, at the age of 85, surrounded by her family in their Sanger, Texas home.



Born on June 4, 1938, Barbara was one of five children of Thomas and Inez Hatley. Her siblings were Lloyd Hatley, Jewell Hatley, Alice (Hatley) Turner, and Yvonne Hatley. She graduated from the Arlington High School. Barbara married Buddy Perry on August 20, 1955, in Corinth, Mississippi. They went on to have four children: Cathy (Troy) Stubblefield of Paducah, KY, Greg Perry (deceased), Karen (Michael) Durham of Sanger, TX., and Jeff (Theresa) Perry of Fancy Farm, KY.

Barbara worked for 30 years for Hockers Grocery and Appliances in Arlington, Ky. She retired in 2000 and moved in with her daughter, Karen, and family to help with the youngest child, who was handicapped. For fourteen years, she was instrumental in the home and then, in 2014, suffered entire blindness due to mini-strokes. Nevertheless, she was still an inspiration as she learned to trust the Lord’s plan for her life. Before her blindness, she was a Sunday School teacher and very active in her church, Oak Grove Baptist Church in Paducah, KY, where she was a member.

In 2018, she, along with her family, moved to the area of Denton, Texas, where she remained until her death.

She became involved in her church, Providence Chapel in Denton. Many have expressed how her joyfulness and faithfulness in her handicap served as an inspiration.

She deeply loved the Lord Jesus and professed Him to be her only hope in life and death.

She had eight grandchildren Shelby (Leigh Ann) Durham, Joseph (Chandi) Durham, Victorian Durham, Krysten Timmons, April (Billy) McDonnell, Amber Perry, Amanda (Matt) O’Conner, Matthew (Callie) Perry. Barbara also had four great-grandchildren: Brogan Bunch, Gabe Thweat, Logan Durham, and Michaela Durham. Barbara was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Buddy Perry, and son, Greg Perry.

Her funeral service will be conducted at Hughes Funeral Home, Paducah, KY, on Friday, March 22, 2024. Public visitation will be between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m., with the service beginning at noon. She will be interred at Berkley Cemetery, Berkley, KY.

You may leave a message of sympathy or light a memorial candle at [www.hughesfuneral.com](http://www.hughesfuneral.com).

Hughes Funeral Home of Paducah is in charge of arrangements.

• CHRISTIAN •

Tom Beeker, 64, of Hopkinsville, passed away March 12, 2024, at Baptist Deaconess in Madisonville. Memorial services were held on March 15, 2024, at Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Home. Burial followed at Bethel United Methodist Church Cemetery in Trigg County.

Rondal “Ron” Wilson Shreve, 74, of Hopkinsville, passed away March 13, 2024, at Jennie Stuart Medical Center. Funeral services were held on March 18, 2024, at Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home. Burial followed in Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West.

Allen Word, 69, of Hopkinsville, passed away March 13, 2024, at his home. Funeral Services were held on March 19, 2024, at Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home. Burial followed in New Ebenezer Cemetery.

Billy Joe Oliver, Sr., 68, of Hopkinsville, passed away March 15, 2024, at Jennie Stuart Medical Center. The family has chosen cremation with a celebration of life to be held at a later date. Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home has arrangements.

Betty Leigh, 96, of Hopkinsville, passed away March 11, 2024, at Christian Health Center, Hopkinsville. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Lamb Funeral Home has arrangements.

• BALLARD •

Letty (L.J.) Moss, 87, passed peacefully at her home with family on March 1, 2024. Services were held at Morrow Funeral Chapel in La-Center on March 15, 2024. Interment was at La Center Memorial Gardens.

• CALDWELL •

Geraldine Lagora Lewis, 77, of Princeton, passed away on March 15, 2024. Funeral services were held on March 18, 2024.

Robert “Bob” Cox, 73, formerly of Princeton, passed away on March 13, 2024. Memorial services were held March 20, 2024 at Morgan’s Funeral Home.

Donald Joe Fortner, 78, of Dawson Springs, passed away March 14, 2024 at Dawson Springs Nursing and Rehab. A private burial was held at Rowland Cemetery in Caldwell County.

• CALLOWAY •

Sara Dean Hobbs, 88, of Murray, formerly of Mayfield, passed away on March 17, 2024, at her home. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield.

Mrs. Angelina Mendoza Hernandez, 91, of Murray, passed away March 13, 2024, at the Clinton Place in Clinton. Private family services will be held at later date in AZ.

Ms. Michelle Sicard, 60, passed away on March 3, 2024 at Jackson Purchase Medical Center. Visitation was held March 7, 2024 at Imes Funeral Home & Crematory, Murray.

Mrs. Norma L. Viniard, 84, of Dexter, passed



FUNERAL NOTICES continued

**Pam McGhee**, 55, of Hopkinsville, passed away March 12, 2024, at Baptist Health Deaconess Hospital, Madisonville. Funeral services were held on March 16, 2024 at Lamb Funeral Home. Burial followed in Gray Cemetery.

**Geraldine Elizabeth Bunton**, 81, of Russellville, passed away on March 12, 2024, in Bowling Green. Services were held on March 18, 2024, at the First Baptist Church with burial following at Greenwood Cemetery. Gamble Funeral Home had arrangements.

**Charles Walter Grabara**, 86, of Crofton, died on March 16, 2024, in Clarksville, TN. The family has chosen cremation with a private celebration of life service to be held at a later date. Dogwood Funerals & Cremations of Crofton has arrangements.

• CRITTENDEN •

**Sam J. Smith**, 86, of Marion, passed away March 14, 2024, at Livingston Hospital. Services were held March 17, 2024, at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion with interment in Mapleview Cemetery.

**Loretta Greer**, 60, of Marion, passed away March 16, 2024. Memorial services will be held at a later date via Gilbert funeral home.

**Virginia McDowell**, 94, of Crittenden County, passed away March 12, 2024, at the Breckenridge Place in Morganfield. Funeral service were held on March 16, 2024, at the Whitsell Funeral Home in Sturgisg. The burial followed in Rosebud Cemetery.

• FULTON/HICKMAN •

**Mr. George Wayne Scott**, 63, of Clinton, passed away on March 8, 2024 at his residence. Celebration of Life services will be held at a later date via Brown Funeral Home of Clinton.

• GRAVES •

**James Howard Thomas**, 80, passed away March 14, 2024 at home after a strong four-year fight against cancer. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 24, 2024 at the Lone Oak Chapel Of Milner & Orr Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Highland Park Cemetery in Mayfield. Visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 23, 2024 at the Lone Oak Chapel of Milner & Orr Funeral Home. Visitation will also be held on Sunday, March 24, 2024 from 12:30 p.m. until the 2:00 p.m. service time at the Lone Chapel of Milner & Orr Funeral Homes.

**Carol Dublin**, 66, of Mayfield, passed away March 16, 2024, at the Jackson Purchase Medical Center. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield.

• HENDERSON •

**Phyllis Ann Fritts Hinton**, 63, of Henderson, passed away on March 12, 2024, at her home. Per her wishes, Phyllis will be cremated, and a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Arrangements are with Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home.

**Deana Yates**, 70, of Henderson, passed away on March 11, 2024, at St. Vincent Hospital. Services were held on March 16, 2024, at Tomblinson Funeral Home Henderson Chapel. Burial was held in Smith Mills Cemetery.


**Robyn Lynn Hancock**, 58, of Spottsville, passed away on March 12, 2024. Funeral services were held on Friday, March 15, 2024, at Tomblinson Funeral Home Henderson Chapel. Burial will be in Fairmont Cemetery at a later date.

**Paul Darnell**, 77 of Dawson Springs, passed away at his home March 13, 2024. Funeral services were held on March 18, 2024, at Tomblinson Funeral Home Sebree Chapel. Burial

followed in Slaughters Cemetery.

**David “Boss Man” Hill**, 59, of Owensboro, passed away peacefully at his home, surrounded by his loving family. Funeral services were held on March 18, 2024, at Victory Christian Center. He was laid to rest in Roselawn Memorial Gardens.

**Mary Alice Crooks**, 69, of Henderson, passed away on March 15, 2024 at home. Burial will be at Fernwood Cemetery at a later date. Tomblinson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



**Jesse Patrick Smith**, 85, of Henderson, passed away on March 17, 2024, at home surrounded by his family, while in hospice care. Services will be 2:00 p.m., Saturday, March 23, 2024, at Tomblinson Funeral Home in Henderson. Visitation will be from 11:00 a.m., Saturday, March 23, 2024, until the service time at the funeral home. Burial will be in Roselawn Memorial Gardens.

**David A. Leech**, 70, of Henderson, passed away March 17, 2024, at his home while in hospice care. Services were held on March 20, 2024, at Tomblinson Funeral Home Henderson Chapel. Burial followed in Roselawn Memorial Gardens.

**William Richard “Richie” Shoulders**, 65, of Smith Mills, peacefully departed on March 11, 2024. A private Roman Catholic Mass of the Lat-in Rite was held. Graveside services were held on March 16, 2024, at St. Louis Cemetery in Henderson.

**Linda Louise Payne Cordray**, 77, tragically died March 12, 2024. A service to celebrate Linda’s life was held on March 21, 2024, at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, Henderson. Interment followed at St. Louis Cemetery in Henderson.

• HOPKINS •

**Stephen Owen Hartline**, 58, of Fitzgerald, GA , formerly of Earlington, KY, passed away on March 13, 2024 at his home. Funeral services were held on March 18, 2024, at Reid-Walters Funeral Home, Earlington. Burial followed at Oakwood Cemetery in Earlington.

**Phillip Adrian Lantaff**, 76, of Nortonville, passed away on March 14, 2024, at Ahava Healthcare in Clarksville, TN. Funeral services were held on March 16, 2024 at Reid-Walters Funeral Home in Earlington. Burial followed at Odd Fellows Cemetery in Madisonville.

**Ava Christine Spurlin**, 69, of Morton’s Gap, passed away on March 17, 2024, at her home. Funeral services were held on March 20, 2024, at New Salem Missionary Baptist Church, in Nortonville, KY. Burial followed at New Salem Cemetery in Nortonville.

**Steven Eugene Merritt**, 72, of Hanson,

passed away March 18, 2024. A celebration of life will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday March 23, 2024, at Slaughters Baptist Church. Visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m. until the service time at the church. Barnett-Strother Funeral Home has arrangements.

**Myrna Yvonne Scott**, 84, of Nortonville, passed away March 11, 2024. Funeral services were held on March 15, 2024, at Bandy Funeral Home in Nortonville. Burial followed at New Salem Cemetery.

**James “Jim” Robert Brandon**, 73, of Dawson Springs, passed away March 14, 2024, at his home. Services were held on March 17, 2024 at Bandy Funeral Home in Nortonville. Burial followed at Ilsley Cemetery.

**Doris Lee Stembridge Holmes**, 90, of Nortonville, passed away March 17, 2024, at her home. Service were held on March 20, 2024, at Bandy Funeral Home in Nortonville. Burial followed at Bethlehem Cemetery in Madisonville.

• LIVINGSTON •

**Michael Thomas Lanham**, 60 of Salem, passed away March 11, 2024 at his home. Memorial services will be scheduled at a later date via Myers Funeral Home.

• LYON •

**Richard “Pete” Dublin**, 87, of Eddyville, passed away on March 11, 2024. Services were held March 15, 2024, at Dunn’s Funeral Home in Eddyville.

• MARSHALL •

**Sharon Bement**, 75, of Benton, passed away on March 14, 2024, at home. Funeral services were March 20, 2024; interment was at Allcock Cemetery.

• McCRACKEN •


**Karen Suzi Wurth**, 71, of Paducah, passed away on March 16, 2024 at her residence. A funeral mass was held on March 20, 2024, at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church. Burial was at Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

**Debbie Larue (Sellars) May**, 69, of Paducah, passed away March 15, 2024, at her residence. Private graveside services will be held at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens.

**James “Jim” Patton**, 64, of Paducah, passed away March 15, 2024, at his residence. Memorial services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 23, 2024, at Grace Episcopal Church. Private urn burial will be at Benton City Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 9:00 a.m. Saturday at Grace Episcopal Church.

**Ricky Wayne Snow**, 55, passed away March 13, 2024, at Baptist Health Paducah. Funeral services were March 15, 2024, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah. Burial was at Woodlawn Memorial Garden.

**Chris Bell**, 52, of Paducah, passed away March 13, 2024, at Baptist Health Paducah. A funeral mass was held March 18, 2024, at St. Thomas More Catholic Church. Burial at Mt. Carmel Cemetery.





**William A. Hoffman**, 93, of Paducah, passed away March 12, 2024, at his residence. A family memorial service will be held at a later date via Milner & Orr Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Paducah.

**Margaret Griffith**, 97, of Paducah, passed away on March 14, 2024, at Baptist Health Paducah. Funeral services were held March 21, 2024, at Lindsey Funeral Home. Burial followed at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens.

**Janice Howard Ervin Curtis**, 73, of Paducah, passed away on March 12, 2024, at Baptist Health Paducah. Memorial services were held March 17, 2024, at Lindsey Funeral Home.

**Sherry Burton**, 85, of Paducah, passed away on March 11, 2024, at Charter Senior Living in Paducah. Funeral services were March 14, 2024, at Lindsey Funeral Home. Burial was at Boaz Cemetery.

**Edward S. Helpa**, 98, of Paducah, formerly of Sayreville, NJ, passed away on March 11, 2024, at Calvert City Convalescent Center. He will be cremated per his wishes and entombment will take place at B.G. William C Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Arnetytown, NJ at a later date.

**Betty Jean Harper**, 94, of Paducah, passed away on March 14, 2024, at Parkview Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Paducah. There will be no service of visitation.

• TRIGG •

**Carma Jean Hageman**, 86, passed away on March 14, 2024 at her home. Memorial services will be held at a later date. King’s Funeral Home

is in charge of the arrangements.

**Edward Lee “Birdie” Birdsong**, 92, of Cadiz, passed away March 12, 2024, at Bradford Heights Nursing & Rehab Center in Hopkinsville. Funeral services were held at Goodwin Funeral Home on March 17, 2024. Burial followed at East Cadiz Baptist Church Cemetery.

• UNION •

**Ricky David Girten**, 58, of Morganfield, son of Judy Girten, passed away March 12, 2024, at Deaconess Union County Hospital in Morganfield. Funeral services were held on March 16, 2024, at Whitsell Funeral Home in Morganfield. Burial followed in Odd Fellows Cemetery in Morganfield.

**Judy Girten**, 83, of Morganfield, mother of Ricky David Girten, passed away March 15, 2024, at Lucy Smith King Care Center in Henderson. Funeral services were held on March 19, 2024, at Whitsell Funeral Home in Morganfield. Burial followed in Odd Fellows Cemetery in Morganfield.

• WEBSTER •

**Anthony “Tony” Dixon**, 64, of Clay, passed away March 9, 2024, at his residence. A memorial service will be held in Pontiac, IL at a later date. Vanover Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**Wilburn “Webb” Joe Hayes**, 71, of Eddyville, formerly of Sebree, KY, passed away on March 11, 2024. A memorial service was held on March 16, 2024, at Sebree First Christian Church. Burial will be held at a later date at Onton Cemetery.

**Dr. Robert “Bob” A. Adams**, 95, of Madisonville, passed away at his daughter’s home on March 12, 2024, surrounded by his family. A funeral service will be held at Shartel Church of God in Oklahoma City, OK, at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 6, 2024. Burial to follow at Resthaven Memorial Gardens in Oklahoma City. Harris Funeral Home is in charge of the local arrangements and Vondel Smith Mortuary at South Lakes is in charge of the funeral arrangements. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Friday, April 5, 2024 at the funeral home and from 11 a.m. until the funeral hour on Saturday, April 6, 2024, at the church in Oklahoma City, OK.

**Clifford O’Neal Hedges**, 80, of Madisonville, KY, passed away on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville. A graveside service was held on March 18, 2024, at Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery, Madisonville. Military honors were conducted graveside by the Hopkins County Honor Guard.

**Wynetona Denise Binkley Kemp**, 67, of Madisonville, passed away on March 14, 2024, at her home. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Harris Funeral Home has the arrangements.

**Lori Ann Campbell Wyatt**, 49, of Earlington, passed away on March 7, 2024, at her home. A private family memorial service will be held at a later date. Harris Funeral Home has the arrangements.



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

AREA SUPPORT GROUPS: Tornado survivor, Suicide Prevention, Gambling, Celebrate Recovery, AA, NA, Grief

**Tornado Survivor Support Group**  
Stronger Together!  
You are not alone.  
Join us on the 4th Thursday of each month, 5 p.m. at the Graves County Baptist Association, 1400 KY-303, Mayfield, KY. Call 270-247-7947 for more information.

**You are Not Alone - Suicide Prevention Lifeline** - 1-800-273-TALK (8255); **Crisis Text Line** - Text HELLO to 741741; Experiencing anxiety and emotional distress after a natural disaster is a normal reaction. To speak to a trained crisis member, call or text the disaster helpline at 1-800-985-5990. For more natural disaster emotional distress resources, please Visit - <https://bit.ly/nauraldisasterdrive>. Kentucky Regional Prevention Centers/ Four Rivers Behavioral Health 425 Broadway Street, Paducah, 42001; 270-442-8039

**GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS**  
  
Kentucky Council on Problem Gambling, Inc. KYCPG.org  
On this website, visitors may learn about gambling addiction, determine whether they or someone they know may have a gambling problem, and obtain referral information to counselors or Gamblers Anonymous.

Connect with Gamblers Anonymous via phone:  
Lexington Hotline Number: 855-2CALL-GA (855-222-5542)  
Louisville Hotline Number: 855-2CALL-GA (855-222-5542)

**GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS - ZOOM MTGS**  
  
\*THURSDAY\*  
Lexington, KY 6:30 p.m. EST, Zoom <https://us02web>.

[zoom.us/j/7097833052](https://zoom.us/j/7097833052)

\*SUNDAY\*  
Lexington, KY 6:30 PM EST, Zoom <https://us02web>.  
[zoom.us/j/7097833052](https://zoom.us/j/7097833052)

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY**  
• Grace United Methodist Church, Celebrate Recovery on Hwy 60 in LaCenter, Thursdays 7 p.m.

• Benton Campus, Celebrate Recovery 1001 Main Street, Benton, Tuesdays, 6 p.m.

• Murray Campus, Celebrate Recovery 915 Arcadia Cir., Murray, Thursdays, 6 p.m.

• Bardwell Campus, Celebrate Recovery Marris Valley Church St., Hwy 1181, Fridays, 6 p.m.

• New Life Community Church in Bardwell, Celebrate Recovery, 6:30 p.m.-Fridays. For all hurts,

habits and hang ups. Celebrate Recovery is a safe place to find community and freedom from the issues that are controlling our life. Everyone welcome.

• Clinton First Baptist Church, Celebrate Recovery Mondays, 6p

• Grace Life Church, Celebrate Recovery Graves County, Sunday Nights, 6:30 p.m.

• Paducah Brown St. Club: Clean Living NA, Mon., Tue., Fri. 6 p.m.

• AA Meetings, Tuesday nights at 6 p.m. at 1st Baptist Church, 5th & Olive in LaCenter.

• AA Meetings, Friday nights at 6 p.m. New Covenant Community Church on Coffee Dr. in LaCenter.

• Arlington City Hall,

**AA Meetings**, Tue. & Fri. 6 p.m.

• **First United Methodist Church, AA Meetings**, Mondays, 8 p.m.

• **Turning Point Recovery Center**, Paducah, (270) 444-3621  
AA Meetings: Sun. 9 a.m., Sat., 9 a.m.  
NA Meetings: Sun-Noon and 6 p.m., Mon- Noon and 6 p.m., Tue-6 p.m., Wed-Noon, Thur-6 p.m., Fri-Noon, Sat-Noon and 6 p.m.

• **A Recovery Support Group called OVERCOMERS**. Christian Fellowship Ministries, 1343 US Hwy 68 East Benton, KY. Meeting are Tuesdays 6- 8 p.m. - Call to confirm meeting beforehand Jada McWilliams 270-205-5294 270-527-8369

**Grief Share**  
Grieving the death of

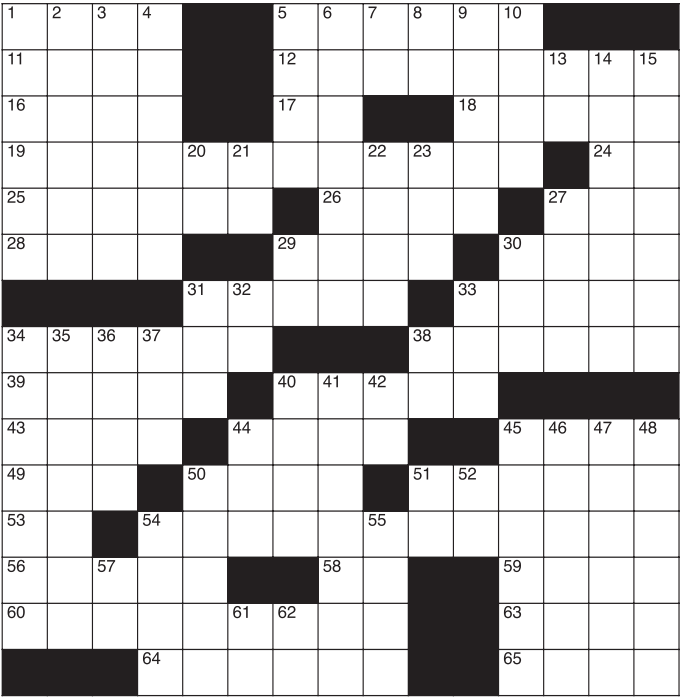
a loved one? Join us: Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Trace Creek Baptist Church; 3577 State Route 131 Mayfield, KY. This is a 13 week course, but you are welcome to join in at any time. \$20 includes workbook  
Monica L Rogers, facilitator, 270-705-2421 [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org)

**Grief Support Group presented by Mercy Health Hospice**, meets every Thursday at 3 p.m., at Mayfield First United Methodist Church’s Outreach Building at 316 South 8th St., Mayfield. Contact phone 270-415-3636 for information.

• **Sober Hearts Ministry** Friday at 7:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Barlow, KY SoberHeartsFamily-Ministry@outlook.com Facebook - Sober Hearts Family Ministry - Text – (270)445-1008.



Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

1. Database management system
5. Medical procedures
11. \_\_\_ Clapton, musician
12. Defender
16. Exert oneself
17. Indicates position
18. Quay
19. Atrocities
24. A way to address an adult man
25. Ends
26. Unable
27. Taxi
28. Gratuities
29. A famous train station
30. Japanese persimmon
31. Sours
33. Beneficiary
34. Baseball official
38. Confused situation
39. Unworldly
40. Yemen capital
43. Type of soil
44. Beloved beverage \_\_\_-Cola
45. Lying down
49. \_\_\_ Angeles
50. Fail to amuse
51. Collapsible shelter
53. Commercial
54. Taste property
56. Lordship's jurisdictions
58. It cools your home
59. Dismounted
60. Charge in a court of law
63. One less than one
64. Spoke
65. Famed garden

CLUES DOWN

1. Show a picture of
2. Small sultanate
3. Unfortunate incident
4. A way to ski
5. Abba \_\_, Israeli politician
6. Observed
7. “Westworld” actor Harris
8. Belonging to me
9. Shoelace tube
10. Takes to civil court
13. Early multimedia
14. Produces anew
15. Horse races
20. Of I
21. Equally
22. Changes color
23. A place to stay
27. Town in Galilee
29. Mathematical figure
30. Klingon character
31. They \_\_\_
32. Atomic #58
33. Showed up extinct
34. Loosen grip
35. Unpleasant smell
36. Innermost membranes enveloping the brain
37. Esteemed college “league”
38. Partner to Pa
40. Small American rail
41. A salt or ester of acetic acid
42. Sodium
44. Military figure (abbr.)
45. Lighted
46. Paid to get out of jail
47. All of something
48. Ohio city
50. More abject
51. A radio band
52. Scientific development (abbr.)
54. Monetary unit
55. Scored perfectly
57. A punch to end a fight
61. The Golden State (abbr.)
62. The Beehive State (abbr.)

PUZZLE SOLUTION



Word Search

ON THE FARM WORD SEARCH



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

WORDS

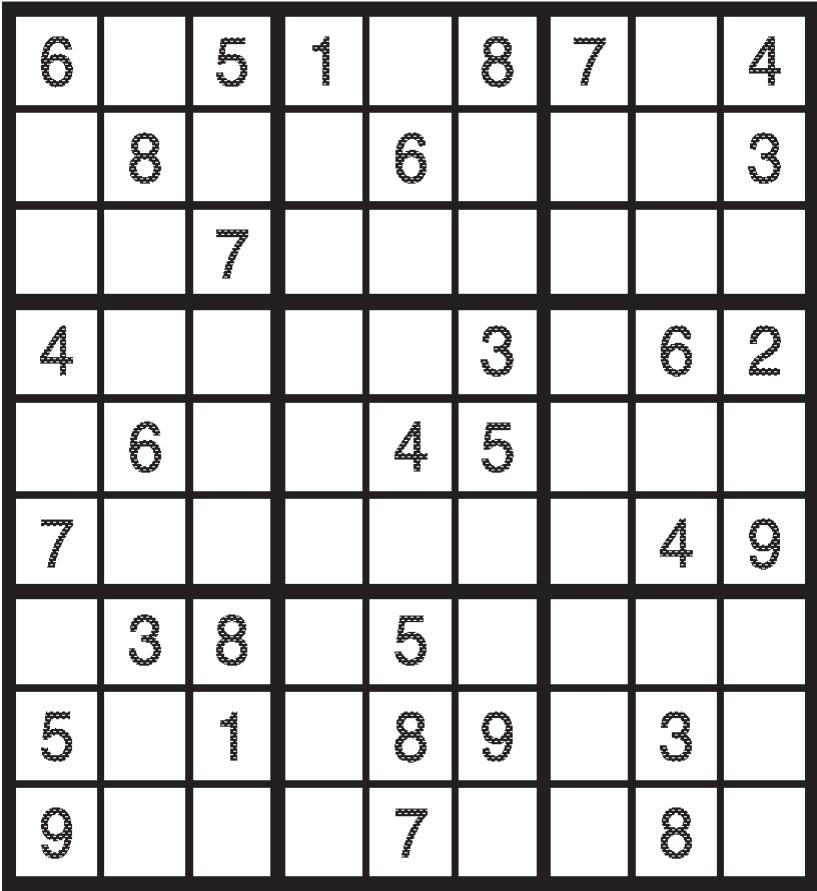
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- AGROECOLOGY
- BALE
- BIODYNAMIC
- BORDER
- BROADCAST
- BUCKING
- BUSHEL
- CALVES
- CARRYOVER
- COMPOST
- CULTIVATION
- CYCLE
- FARMING
- FIELDS
- GRAINS
- IRRIGATION
- LAND
- ORGANIC
- PESTICIDE
- SEEDING

Sudoku Puzzle

How it Works:

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

Good Luck!



Crypto Fun



Solve the code to discover words related to agriculture. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 11 = E)

- A. 11 22 19 20 8 18 11 24 17  
Clue: Machinery
- B. 15 5 16 18  
Clue: Where some food is grown
- C. 10 20 1 11 13 17 12 6 7  
Clue: Farm animals
- D. 9 5 16 1 11 13 17  
Clue: Gathering in crops

Answers: A. equipment B. farm C. livestock D. harvest

Guess Who?



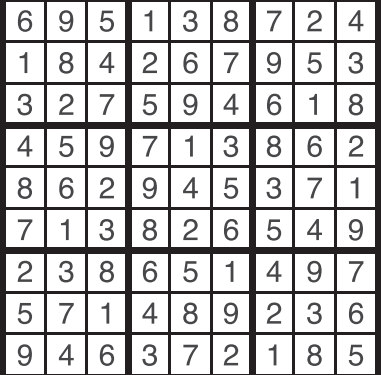
I am a singer born in California on March 16, 1988. When I was starting my career, people thought I was related to Lil' Fizz. I rose to fame as a singer with the R&B group B2K and on the back of my poetry collection.

Answer: Jhené Aiko

Word Search Answers



Sudoku Answers



Riddle Me This

What can fill a room but takes up no space?

Answer: Light



# EVENTS BY COUNTY

**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 5 & 6**

Eclipse Yard Sale  
April 5 & 6 7am-3 pm  
Multiple families - large yard sale  
100% of sales go to Buckets and Bibles Outreach Ministry  
524 Lee St, Wickliffe, KY 42087

**April 7 & 8**

Solar Eclipse at the Cross  
On Sunday night April 7 at 5 p.m. there will be food, gospel music and preching 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**

Saturday, April 27th 2024 8:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m “Pink Moon”  
Wildflowers & Wildwings Designs  
210 Broadway, LaCenter, Kentucky 42056  
Hosted by “Slam’s Outreach”  
for more information visit: slam-soutreach.com  
or call 270-664-2678

**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:  
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 22, West KY Home Garden & Farm Show, CFSB Center, 4-8 p.m.  
March 22, Murders at Karlov Manor Standard Showdown, 6 p.m.  
March 23, West KY Home Garden & Farm Show, CFSB Center, 9:30-5 p.m.  
March 23, Saturday Storytime, Bolin Books, 11 a.m.  
March 23, Train Wreck, Tap 216, 8 p.m.  
March 24, Annual Easter Egg Hunt, A Place to be Farm Sanctuary, 2 p.m.  
March 24, Showing of “Becoming Bell Hooks”, Curris Center, 4:30 p.m.  
March 25, From Partial to Total: A Guide to Experience the 2024 Eclipse, CCPL, 6 p.m.  
March 25, Yoga + Nidra, The Barre: Murray, 6:45 p.m.  
March 25, Faculty Recital: Conner Viets, percussion, Performing Arts Hall, 7:30 p.m.  
March 26, Community Wellness Day, CCPL, 8 a.m.  
March 26, Beginner Easter Cake Decorating Class, Splat Art Play Studio, 4 p.m.  
March 26, Universal Athletics Eggstravaganza, Yates Event Center, 5 p.m.  
March 26, Silent Book Club, CCPL, 5:30 p.m.  
March 26, Wheel Throwing Tuesday, Murray Art Guild, 6 p.m.  
March 26, MSU Rodeo Spring Barrel Series, Murray State Expo Center, 7 p.m.  
March 27, Multi-Age Family Story Time: Easter & Bunnies, CCPL, 10:30 a.m.  
March 27, Humanities & Literature Brown Bag Series: “The Anatomy of a Research Process”, Faculty Hall Room 504, 12:30 p.m.  
March 28, After School Studio: Multimedia/3D, Murray Art Guild, 4 p.m.  
March 28, Wheel Throwing Thurs-

days, Murray Art Guild, 6 p.m.  
March 28, Crip Camp: Cinema International, Faculty Hall Room 208, 7:30 p.m.

**April 11**

Serger Workshop APRIL 11, 2024 © 9AM-3 PM TO SIGN UP CALL: 270-753-1452. Calloway Extension Meeting Hall 93 Extension Way Murray, KY 42071

**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 22-23, KY 4-H Summit, All-Day  
March 22-24, The Promise, Trace Creek Baptist Church  
March 23-24, Mayfield Mayhem, Mayfield-Graves Co. Ballpark  
March 22, Farmington Father/Daughter Dance, 5:30 p.m.  
March 23, Easter Egg Hunt, Calvary Community Church, 10 a.m.  
March 23, Spring Open House, Katie J's/Fly Guys Menswear, 10 a.m.  
March 23, GC Eagles v. Caldwell Co. Tigers, GCHS, 11 a.m.  
March 23, Journey to the Cross, Pilot Oak Baptist, Watervally Ky, 3 p.m.  
March 25, Mayfield Trade Day, Mayfield Graves Co. Fairgrounds, 5 a.m.  
March 25, Lunch Book Club, GCPL, 12 p.m.  
March 26, Savor the Flavor: Seasoning with Spices, GC Extension Office, 10 a.m.  
March 26, Reading Club(age 8-12), GCPL, 3:30 p.m.  
March 28, Story Hour w/GC Extension Office, GCPL, 10 a.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 & 28**

Bluegrass, Brew, & BBQ Festival

**April 24**

Grand Rivers Quilt Show

**MARSHALL COUNTY**

March 22, Young at Heart Irish-Themed Dinner, Altona Baptist Church, 5 p.m.  
March 22, The Platters, KY Opry Theatre, 7 p.m.  
March 23, 2024 Hoppin' Shoppin' Speggtacular, Lakeland Event Center, 9 a.m.  
March 23, Twin Lakes Worship Center Easter Egg Hunt, Old Calvert City Park, 10 a.m.  
March 23, Rising Stars Show, KY Opry Theatre, 7 p.m.  
March 25, Jr. Master Gardener, Benton Library, 5:30 p.m.

**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. Call 270-493-2682.



Livingston County

On March 12 and 13, students had the opportunity to discuss different careers and trades with a variety of professionals. The Livingston County students received an idea of the necessary skills and education required to reach their goals. They were also encouraged how to pursue their goals and the drive needed to do so.

Crittenden County

The Crittenden County Clerk Office announced that it can no longer sell Kentucky hunting and fishing licenses and permits. This is not exclusive to Crittenden, and involves all clerk offices across Crittenden County. However, the Crittenden County Clerk announced that such licenses and permits may still be purchased at Hodge Outdoor Sports or online 24/7 at the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources’ website at fw.ky.gov

Lyon County

There was a recent closure of KY 295 at Lyon-Crittenden County line due to a bridge issue concerning beam deterioration. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) closed a section of KY 295 at the Lyon-Crittenden County Line be-

tween Eddyville and Dycusburg today to ensure public safety after engineering inspections identified structural issues on a bridge.

Caldwell County

The Caldwell County Farmers Market Summer has started preparing for the 2024 market season. There was an informational meeting on March 14 at 5 PM at the Caldwell County Extension Office on Hwy 62W (beside Farm Bureau). Organizers also announced that those interested in being a returning vendor for the 2024 season should try to attend future meetings.

Trigg County

The Teen Leader Academy had a great day in Trigg County. This event was planned by the Cadiz-Trigg County Tourist and Convention Commission. Middle School leaders experienced the LBL Visitors Center, Planetarium, and Nature Station all in one day. Students then heard about the history of Canton and the hotel at The Red Brick Inn.

Marshall County

Two Marshall County communities had work done to improve their outdoor warning siren systems. The Marshall County Fiscal Court posted that they worked with West Kentucky Rural Electric to get

a new outdoor warning system installed in the Pirates Cove subdivision. The outdoor warning system in Hardin was also moved to a new location.

The Calvert City Pickleball community has once again demonstrated its generosity and community spirit by donating \$6000 to the Calvert-Sharpe Family Resource Center from the proceeds of the highly successful 2023 Calvert City Summer Slam. Held annually, the Summer Slam has earned its reputation as the best little pickleball tournament in Kentucky, attracting players and enthusiasts from across the region and state lines.

Calloway County

Murray State Athletics has received its fifth seven-figure gift this year. Director of Athletics Nico Yantko announced a 1.4 million dollar gift from the Jim Bob Kevil estate and the former Racer Foundation. The funding will help the department with capital campaign initiatives to enhance the experience for Racer student-athletes.

The Murray State University Staff Congress announced that staff members have elected Director of Housing and Residence Life Dr. J. David Wilson to represent them on the Board of Regents

for a full three-year term. Wilson previously had been elected in January to complete the unexpired term of former Staff Regent Dr. Jessica Evans, who recently left Murray State for another job. The term in which Wilson will serve as staff regent is from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2027.

The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board approved funding for the Calloway County Board of Education. They were approved up to \$30,000 in Calloway County funds for the construction of a greenhouse at Calloway County High School.

The Calloway County Public Library, after exiting the executive session of their board meeting, the board unanimously voted to send the names of Tori Clark and Gina Crider to the Kentucky Department for Libraries for con-

sideration. In turn, the names will then be sent to Calloway County Judge Executive Kenny Imes to appoint a new board member to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Lance Allison.

Graves County

The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board approved funding for a Mayfield project. Mayfield Downtown Farmers Market with the City of Mayfield was approved up to \$5,000 in Graves County funds and \$250,000 in state funds for constructing a farmers’ market.

Little Korea, once a local food truck is now a restaurant in Western Kentucky, specifically Mayfield, Ky at the West Ky Tech Park. The new restaurant is bringing more international cuisine to the locals. The restaurant officially opened on Wednes-

day, March 13. Rhea Mathis, a Junior at Graves County High School, breaks the 8-year GC track record for the 1600 meter during the opener at Calloway Co. She finished the event with an impressive 5:42.51 time, Mathis beat the current record of 5:49.48 that was set by Shara Darnel in 2006. Owen Heisner, Isaac Hungerford, and Steven McMillin, all three from Graves County Middle School, traveled to Louisville to compete at the Kentucky State HOSA Conference. Owen won in Health Career Exploration, Isaac won in Mathematics for Health Careers, and Steven won in Prepared Speaking!

Notice

Darin Simmons/Ami Simmons, 3061 St Rt 123 Bardwell, Ky 42023 hereby declares intention to apply for an NQ2- Retail Drink License no later than April 2, 2024. 6 Gkids Farm LLC The business to be licensed will be located at 550 West Ky Dr., LaCenter, Ky, doing business as The Farm. The owners are as follows: Darin Simmons and Ami Simmons of 3061 St Rt 123 Bardwell, Ky 42023. Any person may protest the approval of the license by writing the Dept. of Alcoholic Beverage Control, within 30 days (KRS243.430) of the date of this legal publication.

NOTICE OF CLOSURE

This letter is to inform the public of the closing of **Kelley Psychiatric Clinic**. Dr. Ronald Kelley will be retiring on April 24, 2024. The clinic has been sold to Dr. Samuel Kelley and will become **Advanced Behavioral Wellness**. Advanced Behavioral Wellness will remain at the same location of **6025 Kentucky Dam Road, Paducah, Ky 42003**.

The phone number of **270-898-4044** will also remain the same. Dr. Samuel Kelley graduated from Murray State University, University of Louisville Medical School, Tufts Medical Center in Boston, Ma. for adult psychiatry and Harvard McLean Hospital in Belmont, Ma. for child psychiatry. All patients of Dr. Ronald Kelley will be transferred to Dr. Samuel Kelley. Should a patient decide to go with another physician, please contact the clinic to arrange for medical records to be forwarded by signing a HIPAA release. The records can be requested 30 days in advance through the clinic for patients wishing to pick up and take to another facility.

*Each patient is entitled to one free copy.*  
If you have already had one free copy, you will be charged \$1.00 per page plus postage of applicable in accordance with Kentucky state law.

*Dr. Ronald and Molly Kelley would like to thank past and present patients, staff, and families for their dedication to the Kelley Psychiatric Clinic over the years.*

ONLINE AUCTION

ENDS MONDAY APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> @ 6PM (CST)

FRUIT TREES; HARDWOOD TREES; FLOWERING SHRUBS; EVRGREENS; FLOWERING TREES/ORNAMENTALS; PERENNIALS; 1978 FORD F250 4X4; YALE 40VX FORKLIFT; LAWNMOWERS; LAWN & GARDEN TOOLS; FIRE PITS; PRIMITIVE & MODERN TOOLS; & MORE ITEMS TBA  
BOONVILLE, INDIANA

LOCATION: DAS will be having a Online auction AT 1444 North White Rd Boonville, Indiana just East of Degonia Springs. To view and bid go to [dasonlineauctions.hibid.com](https://dasonlineauctions.hibid.com)  
PREVIEW: You can preview items on Sunday March 31<sup>st</sup> from 1-3 PM. To view and bid go to [dasonlineauctions.hibid.com](https://dasonlineauctions.hibid.com)  
AUCTION NOTE: Items should be picked up Tuesday April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10AM to 5PM at 1444 North White Rd Boonville Indiana just east of Degonia Springs. A receipt will be emailed to you after the auction.  
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. To view and bid go to [dasonlineauctions.hibid.com](https://dasonlineauctions.hibid.com).



(812) 897-1747  
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# How to make outdoor living spaces more comfortable

Private backyards are now go-to spaces for recreation and entertainment and great places to recharge the body and mind.

One ripple effect of the COVID-19 pandemic was more time spent outdoors, even if it was predominantly on one's own property. OnePoll, in conjunction with the lawn care company TruGreen, surveyed 2,000 American homeowners and found participants spent 14 hours outside every week in 2021, which was three hours more than prior to the pandemic. In addition, respondents admitted that time spent outdoors was therapeutic.

A separate survey



conducted for the International Casual Furnishings Association found that people now spend more time relaxing, gardening, exercising, dining, and entertaining outside than in years past. Though COVID-19 may no longer dominate headlines, the desire to enjoy outdoor spaces has not waned.

While enjoying outdoor living areas,

homeowners can do all they can to make these spaces comfortable and welcoming. The following are some good starting points.

**Get all lit up**

Outdoor spaces can be enjoyed no matter the hour when there is ample lighting. That could be why the International Casual Furnishings Association reports those who plan to renovate

their outdoor spaces list outdoor lighting as a priority. Outdoor lighting not only sheds light on entertaining spaces, but also makes spaces safer and more secure.

**Increase privacy**

No matter how friendly homeowners are with their neighbors, there comes a time when privacy is paramount. Fencing, whether it is wood or vinyl, or even a natural fence made from closely planted hedges, can ensure residents feel comfortable venturing outdoors to swim, take a cat nap or even star gaze in private.

**Address the elements**

Homeowners should note the direc-

tion their backyard faces and the typical daily conditions of the space. For example, a yard that faces southwest may get plenty of strong sun during the day, requiring the addition of shade trees, covered patios or arbors to cut down on the glare and heat. If the yard is often hit by winds, trees or bushes planted strategically as windbreaks can help.

**Sit comfortably**

High-quality comfortable seating increases the likelihood that homeowners will want to stay awhile in their outdoor spaces. A deep seating set complete with plush chairs, outdoor sofa or love seat and

chaise lounge chairs gives people more opportunity to sit and stay awhile.

**Take a dip**

A pool can be the perfect gathering spot on a warm day, while a spa/hot tub can bridge the gap to cooler weather. According to the Family Handyman, soaking in hot tubs can relax tired muscles after a long day, loosen up stiff joints, improve cardiovascular health, and reduce the time it takes to fall asleep.

**Bite back at bugs**

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Over the last few years, families have become especially familiar with what works about their yards and where there is room for improvement. Pandemic-related travel restrictions and early stay-at-home mandates resulted in plenty of time spent in backyards on staycations. Even though many such restrictions have been lifted, homeowners may have seen the benefits of having functional respites right outside their doors.

A backyard renovation can cost anywhere from \$5,000 to \$50,000. The



American Society of Landscape Architects suggests homeowners budget the cost of a major landscaping project at between 5 and 10 percent of their home's value. Large or small, here are ways to make an outdoor oasis at home.

### Create living privacy

Living in close proximity to neighbors may make privacy harder to come by. Wood or vinyl fences, however effective, may not provide the all-natural look many people desire. Verti-

cal gardening, which trains easy-care vines like English ivy, Clematis or various climbing roses to grow on trellis or fencing adds greenery and privacy. Hedges and fast-growing shrubs also can be used for natural barriers.

### Install a pool

Pools are the ultimate spots to cool off on hot days. An elaborately shaped in-ground pool can blend in with the landscape and offer the ultimate hang-out zone. However, above-ground pools also serve the purpose and are more

budget-friendly. Stock tank pools are popular among those who want minimal pool expenditure or have small spaces to work with. Stock tanks are metal vessels traditionally used as watering holes for livestock. They also can be "adult kiddie pools" when combined with some plumbing. Galvanized steel frames make them sturdy. With floats and other accessories, they can become the perfect oasis.

### Provide outdoor atmosphere

Create a bespoke bistro vibe by using freestanding plant-

ers and posts along with hanging lights to make an intimate outdoor hangout spot at night. For those with permanent structures, like a deck or a gazebo, lights can be strung across the area or on railings or edging.

### Extend the living space

Decks and patios can help make outdoor entertaining areas more comfortable by eliminating the need to sit on the grass or gravel. Plus, they add another "room" to the home. When paired with weatherproof patio furniture, such as sofas, loungers and ta-

bles, a private seating area can be crafted and utilized for any number of entertaining desires.

Hang a hammock  
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## Urologist performs first innovative kidney stones treatment within the Commonwealth

**PADUCAH, KY -** On Feb. 19, Baptist Health Medical Group urologist, Michael Knox, MD, made history by performing the first-ever non-invasive Steerable Ureteroscopic Renal Stone Evacuation (SURE) procedure in the state of Kentucky. This ground-

breaking procedure transforms the way kidney stones are treated.

According to the American Urological Association, approximately 10% of people in the U.S. will have a kidney stone at some point in their lives. The SURE procedure is a new, innovative

procedure that will improve care and comfort for patients who have larger stones in the kidney and top portion of the ureter that won't pass.

The SURE procedure uses an advanced CVAC Aspiration system that aims to address the limitations of

current treatment solutions by minimizing residual stone burden. Unlike alternative methods used today, the SURE procedure ensures the reliable removal of all stone fragments, reducing the need for patients to pass fragments on their own or undergo re-treatment.

“This new technology is significant because it’s important to minimize any residual fragments after lithotripsy to help prevent any future stone disease and render the patient stone free,” said Dr. Knox. “This will help reduce the need for extra procedures and recurrent

stone formation.”

The SURE procedure marks a significant milestone in urological advancements that Baptist Health Paducah is proud to offer patients. For more information about the SURE procedure, call Baptist Health Medical Group Urology at 270.442.3539.

# Agreement reached: Baptist Health Medical Group to again accept Humana Medicare Advantage as of April 1

**PADUCAH - March 14, 2024 --** Baptist Health Medical Group has reached a multi-year agreement with Humana Medicare Advantage, in addition to commercial insurance plans, effective April 1, 2024.

“We are committed to improving the health of our communities and our goal is to ensure every patient gets the high-quality, timely

care needed,” said Isaac J. Myers, II, MD, chief health integration officer, Baptist Health and president, Baptist Health Medical Group. “This agreement with Humana helps us achieve this goal, and ensures continued access to Baptist Health providers, hospitals and clinics. Baptist Health is dedicated to improving the health of the communities it

serves.”

The new contract with Humana means that all Baptist Health hospitals, physicians, clinics, and outpatient facilities are in network with Humana. Baptist Health Medical Group had been out of network with Humana since Sept. 22, 2023.

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Baptist Health Medical Group brings together Baptist Health's employed providers into one comprehensive, multispecialty network serving Kentucky, Indiana and neighboring states. Backed by the Baptist Health system of hospitals and led by experienced physicians who are distinguished in their fields, the

growing network encompasses more than 1,750 employed providers, including approximately 820 physicians and 950 advanced practice clinicians. The Medical Group offers care in 74 specialties.

In addition to physician practices, Baptist Health Medical Group includes Virtual Care (telehealth) and occupational medi-

cine, sports medicine and physical therapy clinics. The Medical Group also has a network of Urgent Care locations and a pair of Baptist Health ER & Urgent Care locations – each a free-standing, full-service emergency room and walk-in clinic with one in Jeffersonville, Indiana, and the other in Louisville, Kentucky.

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# Paducah Chamber holds annual dinner and business celebration

By Sandra Wilson  
Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce

The Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce’s 85th Annual Dinner and Business Celebration sponsored by Mercy Health and CSI was held at the Paducah-McCracken County Convention Center and Expo Center on January 26. 2023 Board Chair Brent Housman, Senior Vice President

and Financial Advisor at Baird, officially passed the gavel to Katie Englert, owner of Compass Counseling and Chicken Salad Chick, as the Board Chair for 2024.

The Chamber honored several area businesses and individuals with their annual awards:

- Business of the Year – Ingram Barge Company
- Summit Award – Paducah Bank

- Small Business of the Year – Window World of Paducah
- Citizen of the Year – Basil Drossos
- Entrepreneur of the Year – Jill Hobbs, HR Consulting Solutions
- Non-Profit Organization of the Year – Paducah Cooperative Ministry
- Chamber Volunteer of the Year – Lisa Lauck
- Leadership Paducah Alumnus of the

Year – David Denton, Leadership Paducah Class #9

- Young Leader of Western Kentucky – Maegan Mansfield.

This award was selected and presented by The Paducah Sun. There were 10 finalists honored.

- Chairman’s Awards – Kenny Hunt and J.W. Cleary. These awards were presented by 2023 Chamber Board Chairman Brent Housman.

# Paducah Chamber receives 5-Star Accreditation from U.S. Chamber

The Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce has been awarded the prestigious 5-Star Accreditation, one of the highest honors from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the world’s largest business advocacy organization. The recognition places the Paducah Chamber among the nation’s top 1% of all chambers of commerce. Of the approximately 7,500 chambers in the United States, only 145 have earned recognition as a 5-Star Accredited chamber. In Kentucky, there are five chambers with 5-Star ratings including the Kentucky Chamber, Bowling Green, Christian County, Greater Louisville Inc. (GLI), and Paducah.

The accreditation process takes place every five years. This

is the second consecutive time the Paducah Chamber has earned a 5-Star rating.

“We are thrilled to have been recognized again with the 5-Star Accreditation,” said Sandra Wilson, Paducah Chamber President/CEO. “Not only is it an accomplishment to earn 5-Stars, but it is equally important to keep it. We have worked hard to maintain this Accreditation as a reflection of excellence for our business community.”

Accreditation is the only national program that recognizes chambers for their effective organizational procedures and community involvement. This ranking reflects the chamber’s dedication to serving both its members and the business community at-large, by operating efficiently, being innovative and collabora-

tive, providing members with resources to help their businesses grow, and contributing to positive change in the community.

“Accredited chambers of commerce are impactful advocates for the business community,” said Raymond P. Towle, U.S. Chamber Vice President, Federation Relations and IOM. “Accreditation is a mark of excellence for the organization, its staff, and its leadership. Accredited chambers are recognized for their ability to serve as a resource to their region’s businesses while maintaining transparent governance practices, sound financial controls, safe work environments, effective communications, and value in programming. It is an extraordinary accomplishment.”

In order to be considered for accreditation, a chamber must complete a detailed application outlining nine areas of organizational structure including governance, finance, human resources, government affairs, program development, technology, communication, facilities and benchmarking.

Local chambers are rated Accredited, 3-Stars, 4-Stars, or 5-Stars. State chambers are recognized as either Accredited State Chamber or Accredited State Chamber with Distinction. The final determination is made by the Accrediting Board, a committee of U.S. Chamber board members.

The Paducah Chamber is the region’s largest business advocacy organization.

# Paducah celebrates St. Mary Alumni



By Alexa Tabor  
Staff Report

An alumnus from the class of 2013 Matt Rea recently received recognition from St. Mary for his successes. After graduating from St. Mary, Rea went on to attend Murray State University. There, he received a degree in Criminal Justice and also met his wife, Jordan. After, Rea began working directly for the FBI in Memphis TN, and St. Louis up until 2021. He then relocated to a new field briefly, working in Safety and Driver Operations for a concrete company. Rea’s career path eventually delved back into the criminal justice system to work as a Fraud Analyst at Stifel Financial of St. Louis, Missouri. St. Mary Alumni are very proud to call Rea as one of their very own.

# Summer STEM program coming to Lone Oak Elementary School

PADUCAH - - Camp Invention®, a nationally recognized, nonprofit summer enrichment program, is coming to Lone Oak Elementary School the week of June 10 - 14, 2024.

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A program of the National Inventors Hall of Fame® in partnership with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Camp Invention challenges children in grades K-6 to tap into their natural curiosity and use their creativity to solve problems. Through hands-on activities, Camp Invention promotes STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) learning; builds confidence, leadership, perseverance and resourcefulness; and encourages entrepreneurship - all in a fun and engaging environment.

Each year, the program features a new curriculum inspired by some of our nation’s most world-changing inventors - the National Inventors Hall of Fame Inductees. This year’s Illuminate program encourages children to be confident in their ideas and explore their innovativeness through hands-on activities including:

- Let’s Glow™: Creativity radiates as campers uncover the science of light through illuminating inventions and glowing animals
- Prototyping Studio™: Children star as contestants on a game show where they mold, shape and transform their ideas into amazing inventions
- In the Game™: As campers create their own light-up game board, they team up to tackle athletics, design, business and invention
- Operation: HydroDrop™: Children embark on a global operation to help solve water challenges around the world

“Camp Invention opened up a whole new creative world



The Operation: HydroDrop experience at Camp Invention. Credit: Camp Invention

for my daughter,” said the parent of a 2023 Camp Invention camper. “Now she looks around for things she can use to build new things, and she uses a creative thought process to figure out how to build it! She’s already looking forward to Camp Invention in 2024.”

All local Camp Invention programs are facilitated and taught by qualified educators who reside and teach in the community. Camp Invention serves 122,000 stu-

dents every year and partners with more than 2,500 schools and districts across the nation. For more information or to register, visit [invent.org/camp](http://invent.org/camp).

About Camp Invention:

Camp Invention is the only nationally recognized summer program focused on creativity, innovation, real-world problem solving and the spirit of invention. Through hands-on programming, Camp Invention encourages children entering kindergarten

through sixth grade to explore science, technology, engineering and mathematics curricula inspired by some of the world’s greatest inventors. Since 1990, our education programs have served more than 2.6 million children, and 309,000 teachers and Leadership Interns. Regional program sponsors include the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Dow, General Motors and H.B. Fuller Company Foundation.



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