

NOTARIZED PROOF OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF KENTUCKY

COUNTY OF FRANKLIN

Before me, a Notary Public, in and for said County and State, this 27th day of

July, 2026, came Holly Willard personally known to me, who being

duly sworn, states as follows: that she is the Bookkeeping Assistant of the

Kentucky Press Service Inc. and that she has personal knowledge of the contents of this

affidavit; and that the publications included on the attached list published the Legal Notice for

Big Rivers Electric Corporation.

Notary Public Ronnie J. Howard

Signed Holly Willard

My commission expires 9-18-28

KYNP IL # 14119



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List of newspapers running the notice for Big Rivers Electric Corporation
Attached tearsheets provide proof of publication:

Arlington Carlisle Weekly—7/17
Bardwell Carlisle Co. News—7/17
Brandenburg Meade Co. Messenger—7/23
Calhoun McLean Co. News—7/23
Calvert City Lake News—7/22
Central City Leader News—7/21
Central City Times Argus—7/22
Dawson Springs Progress—7/23
Eddyville Times Leader—7/22
Elizabethtown News Enterprise—7/18
Hardinsburg Herald News—7/22
Hartford Ohio Co. Times News—7/22
Hawesville Hancock Clarion—7/16
Henderson Gleaner—7/22
Leitchfield Grayson Co. News—7/18
Madisonville Messenger—7/18
Marion Crittenden Press—7/23
Marshall Co. Tribune Courier—7/23
Mayfield Messenger—7/22
Owensboro Messenger Inquirer—7/18
Paducah Sun—7/18
Providence Journal Enterprise—7/23
Sebree Banner—7/22
Smithland Livingston Ledger—7/17
Sturgis News—7/22
Times Leader Princeton—7/22
Wickliffe Advance Yeoman—7/17

****The Kentucky Press Service was able to get some ads scheduled for the week of 7/13/26, but it was past deadline for some papers. Those papers that didn't run the week of 7/13/26 were scheduled for the week of 7/20/26.**

ly care services. Please contact Tina at 270-559-9181 nights, days and weekends available.

MEDICAL SUPPLIES

Fully electric hospital bed \$1300, Hoyer patient lift \$350, older wheelchair \$50, rollator walker \$30, oxygen tank holder for wheelchair \$20. Call 270-836-1002.

AUTO MISCELLANEOUS

27 ft Car Hauler Cargo Trailer. Used once, 2-7,000 lb axels, 4,000 lb rear door ramp. Call for extras 303-775-0310, \$11,300 (tfm)

For Sale: 2025 Diamond Trailer - 7' x 14', Enclosed, Fold Down Back Door, Side Walk-In Door, Tandem Axle, Electric Brakes, \$4,500. Call Don: 386-559-7004

FOR RENT

\$1,299 per month SINGLE FAMILY 3 BR, 1 Bath, Living Room, Kitchen, Utility Room, Central Heat & Air. Storage Shed. Located in CALVERT CITY. 1 month security deposit. 1 year lease. 270-709-0955

20 by 40 3 room office with bath. 13th and Jefferson st. Paducah Ky. \$1200.00 per month call 270-210-4666

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

Awesome beautiful 2 Large lots! Brand New Home built just across the street. Great area on Barkley Lake. Over 1 acre, year round view of Barkley Lake! 1 mile to BRR Marina! \$64,000.00 MLS # 121914. CALL Jennifer Palmer Realty at 270-519-9000. (tfm)

135 Allegheny Road • Gilbertsville, Kentucky • \$1,399,900 - MLS # 130868. This Incredible Customer Built 2015 property is amazing! Across the road 1,000 yards from KY Dam Village State Park, Dam, Marina, Restaurant/Lodge. 2,000 yards from the Golf course! Less than 2 miles to Aviation

Airfield, & I-24/69. 5 total bedrooms, 4 full baths, 2 half baths, 2 laundry areas & 3 gas log fireplaces! Vaulted & Cathedral ceilings. Detailed woodwork & moldings, polished marble, w/unique characteristics! Expansive Living room open to kitchen/breakfast area. Primary suite offers a custom tiled bath, heated floor & walk-in closet! Covered patio w/ wood burning FP. In-ground pool, privacy fence & gated concrete drive w/ ample parking, 2 1/2 car garage has apartment, extra lot & huge PRIVACY FENCE! CALL Jennifer Palmer Realty at 270-519-9000

27 Paradise Point Road • Gilbertsville, Kentucky • \$369,000 - MLS # 122709. 3 beautiful lots, over 1/2 acre sitting up HIGH on a hill with a SPECTACULAR BREATHTAKING VIEW OF KY LAKE in Cambridge Shores Subdivision! Build your Dream Home! Magnificent Stunning view of KY Lake! Enjoy all the amenities that Cambridge Shores has to offer. This quiet KY Lake neighborhood is the perfect place to call home! CALL Jennifer Palmer Realty at 270-519-9000

718 Marina Village Dr., Grand Rivers, Kentucky • \$610,000 - MLS # 130701. Beautiful Custom Built 3 bed 3 & 1/2 bath 2006, looks like a new Home sitting on 2 private lots in Prestigious Gated Marina Village Subdivision! Hardwood Floors, 9 ft ceilings, many updates, large family room open to Kitchen! 2 Bedrooms on main level & one HUGE bedroom up. All bedrooms have a full bath. Kitchen has custom cabinetry! NEW HEAT/AIR UNITS IN 2023. Upstairs-2019. NEW DECK, 4 car garage heated & cooled, Storm Shelter, ALL FURNITURE, DECOR, TABLEWARE, BEDDING, LIGHTHOUSE PICTURES, Towels STAY PLUS NEW flooring that has not been installed. Take a golf cart ride to

Grand Rivers, World Famous Patties Restaurant, antique shops & more! CALL Jennifer Palmer Realty at 270-519-9000

738 Marina Village Dr., Grand Rivers, Kentucky • \$799,000.00 MLS # 136804. Quality Custom built 3 bedroom 3 full baths, 1/2 bath and 9 ft ceilings throughout. Built in 2006 in Prestigious Gated Marina Village Subdivision! Stunning Great room features wonderful brick fireplace, 25 ft high ceiling with beams, porch with stone gas stove, wood flooring, unique character open to kitchen for perfect entertaining! Large Kitchen plenty of cabinetry, pantry, bar stools & dining area. Primary bedroom suite on main level! Beautiful tray ceilings, walkout deck, bath has huge walk-in shower, walk-in closet, Jacuzzi tub, and double vanity. Half bath & utility room on main level. Guest bedrooms up, full bath, walk-in closet plus massive attic storage. Family room down, full bath, wine cellar, walkout patio, outdoor Kitchen, Pellet grill and BIG GREEN EGG grill built-in. Garage and workshop. APHW home warranty. Everything stays with full price offer!

643 Whitney Dr., Paducah, Kentucky • \$450,000.00 - MLS # 137569. Unique 3 bedroom 3 full bath West End home located in the desirable Pines Subdivision loaded with captivating character! Impressive living room features gas log fireplace, very tall valuted ceiling & large stylish windows for plenty of light. Kitchen has plenty of cabinets, island, breakfast area, and pantry. Excellent primary bedroom with spacious bath, jacuzzi tub, double vanity, walk-in closet, surround sound, balcony overlooking deck & backyard. Ample storage space throughout the home. New refrigerator & microwave in 2026. Massive deck perfect for entertaining!

Beautiful yard, trees and landscaping. Well insulated home so utility bills are low. Convenient to the mall area, I-24 and downtown Paducah. Underground Dog fence. CALL Jennifer Palmer Realty 270-519-9000

2836 James Sanders Blvd., Paducah, KY. MLS #134672. High traffic location, Approximately 3+ acres off exit #4 I-24 on James Sander's BLVD between Texas Road House and Academy Sports. Great location for commercial development. Approximately 450 feet of road frontage, level, with all utilities. \$2,450,000. Carla Bridges @ REMAX at 270-559-8425

6330 Burchell, Paducah, KY. MLS #136950. Premier custom home in one of Paducah's most prestigious neighborhoods, The Grove, privately set on a cul-de-sac. Grand entry, open kitchen with butler's pantry, spacious living room with fireplace, office, craft room, and luxurious primary suite with his and hers baths and sitting area. Enjoy a large, covered porch with outdoor kitchen, screened porch and 3 car garage. Upstairs offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, playroom/bedroom and bonus room. The walkout basement includes 2 bedrooms, full kitchen, family room, patio, storage, mechanical room and concrete safe room. Elevator serves all floors. French country exterior, stone/brick/extensive landscaping and circle drive. \$1,595,000. Contact Carla Bridges @ REMAX at 270-559-8425

500 S 17th • Paducah, KY 42003 Commercial/Industrial - \$1,399,000 MLS Number • 125918 • 18,900 sq. ft. Outstanding professional office building in the heart of Paducah featuring approximately 15,600 sq. ft. of office space with 26 private offices, 4 bullpens, 2 conference rooms, kitchen/breakroom, 2 IT rooms, 3 laboratory rooms, multiple work areas, and storage closets along with 2300 sq. ft. warehouse area. Also has an approximately 1000 sq. ft. detached storage building. Contact Carla Bridges @ REMAX at 270-559-8425

1114 Broadway, Paducah, KY. MLS #132732. Excellent opportunity for a client in need of a nice office building in midtown Paducah, centrally located

in the heart of Paducah's business district with high traffic location. Dual access from Broadway and Kentucky Avenue. Current tenants are expected to move by late fall. \$459,900. Contact Carla Bridges @ REMAX at 270-559-8425

House For Sale Ranch style, 3 bedroom, 2 full baths, Cedar siding. Sits on 6 acres. 116 Darnell Rd. Benton 42025. Call 270-404-6972 for appointment.

100 Acres sold all together. Livingston County, near Elementary school. store, fire department. Can be used for residential or commercial. 10 miles from Ky Lake 270-210-6697 (tfm)

37 Acres, Beautiful Building Site. 5050 Metropolis Lake Rd, W. Paducah. \$10,000 per acre. Call 270-210-4666 tfm

4 Adjacent 1 acres lots in Peninsula Subdivision on Lake of Egypt. Great year round fishing with no carp, barges, or big boats. 50 minutes from Paducah. \$29,995 for all four. Might divide into 2 parcels. Call owner 314-239-6676.

Large Ky Lake lot Mature trees, utilities, restricted to new construction or double wide. \$24,900. 270-970-8000 (tfm)

Beautifully and totally renovated condo in exciting Lower Town, Paducah, KY. Stainless steel and granite kitchen, original wood floors, two master suites with attached baths. Carport with storage. 2/3 -2,140 sq. ft. \$247,500. (972) 816-8766 (tfm)

401 E 12th St., Benton Charming and spacious 2,240 sq. ft. home. Immaculate property centrally located in Benton on a well landscaped corner lot. 3 Bedroom / 2 Bath. Expansive basement includes interior and exterior entrances. Workshop with additional outbuilding with concrete flooring for mower

etc. \$269,900 Call Carla Bridges REMAX Realty Group at 270-559-8425

1.6 acres with hookups septic and well. 2357 State Rt 384 Mayfield Ky. \$20k FIRM 270-564-6774(TFN)

5.75 Acres, Paradise Haven. I-77 & Hwy 52. Bland County Va. Hunting and surveyed, septic tank and well permits. Wooded and cleared building sies with roads. Taxes under \$200.00 per year. \$69,000.00 Ph. 270-226-2908 (tfm)

REAL ESTATE FOR RENT

For rent pasture grazing for cattle in McCracken County, available now. 270-519-3567

CAMPERS FOR SALE

2021 JAYCO JayFlight SLX, 195 RB Travel Trailer (21-foot) Never been lived in. Bath tub - Shower combo. Closet, Queen size bed, Refrigerator, Microwave, 2-Burner Stove, Electric Awning, Radio & TV Hookup, Fold-Out stairs, Storage, 2-Water Tanks. KEVIN AREA. Asking \$18,000 Call 270-349-4962

For sale Pop camper 2001 Coleman Grand Tour Utah; \$3,000. 270-519-7849 TFN

BOATS FOR SALE

REDUCED 2008 20 ft. Crestliner 1950 SF series, easy load trailer, 175 HP Mercury motor, canopy, travel cover, 2 fish finders, radio FM/AM, much more, garage stored, valued at \$15K, sell for \$12,000. 270-665-0010 / leave a message.

14' Polar Craft Boat, Like new motor, electric start, trailer 1 fuel can, Minkota trolling motor, canopy, fish finder, battery. Benton Ky \$5,500.00. OBO 815-236-9455 (TFN)

AUTOS FOR SALE

For Sale. 2009 Mercury Milan 82000 miles.

Sudoku Answers

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ly care services. Please contact Tina at 270-559-9181 nights, days and weekends available.

MEDICAL SUPPLIES

Fully electric hospital bed \$1300, Hoyer patient lift \$350, older wheelchair \$50, rollator walker \$30, oxygen tank holder for wheelchair \$20. Call 270-836-1002.

AUTO MISCELLANEOUS

27 ft Car Hauler Cargo Trailer. Used once, 2-7,000 lb axels, 4,000 lb rear door ramp. Call for extras 303-775-0310, \$11,300 (tfn)

For Sale: 2025 Diamond Trailer - 7' x 14', Enclosed, Fold Down Back Door, Side Walk-In Door, Tandem Axle, Electric Brakes, \$4,500. Call Don: 386-559-7004

FOR RENT

\$1,299 per month SINGLE FAMILY 3 BR, 1 Bath, Living Room, Kitchen, Utility Room, Central Heat & Air. Storage Shed. Located in CALVERT CITY. 1 month security deposit. 1 year lease. 270-709-0955

20 by 40 3 room office with bath. 13th and Jefferson st. Paducah Ky. \$1200.00 per month call 270-210-4666

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

Awesome beautiful 2 Large lots! Brand New Home built just across the street. Great area on Barkley Lake. Over 1 acre, year round view of Barkley Lake! 1 mile to BRR Marina! \$64,000.00 MLS # 121914. CALL Jennifer Palmer Realty at 270-519-9000. (tfn)

135 Allegheny Road • Gilbertsville, Kentucky • \$1,399,900 - MLS # 130868. This Incredible Customer Built 2015 property is amazing! Across the road 1,000 yards from KY Dam Village State Park, Dam, Marina, Restaurant/Lodge. 2,000 yards from the Golf course! Less than 2 miles to Aviation

Airfield, & I-24/69. 5 total bedrooms, 4 full baths, 2 half baths, 2 laundry areas & 3 gas log fireplaces! Vaulted & Cathedral ceilings. Detailed woodwork & moldings, polished marble, w/unique characteristics! Expansive Living room open to kitchen/breakfast area. Primary suite offers a custom tiled bath, heated floor & walk-in closet! Covered patio w/ wood burning FP. In-ground pool, privacy fence & gated concrete drive w/ ample parking, 2 1/2 car garage has apartment, extra lot & huge PRIVACY FENCE! CALL Jennifer Palmer Realty at 270-519-9000

27 Paradise Point Road • Gilbertsville, Kentucky • \$369,000 - MLS # 122709. 3 beautiful lots, over 1/2 acre sitting up HIGH on a hill with a SPECTACULAR BREATHTAKING VIEW OF KY LAKE in Cambridge Shores Subdivision! Build your Dream Home! Magnificent Stunning view of KY Lake! Enjoy all the amenities that Cambridge Shores has to offer. This quiet KY Lake neighborhood is the perfect place to call home! CALL Jennifer Palmer Realty at 270-519-9000

718 Marina Village Dr., Grand Rivers, Kentucky • \$610,000 - MLS # 130701. Beautiful Custom Built 3 bed 3 & 1/2 bath 2006, looks like a new Home sitting on 2 private lots in Prestigious Gated Marina Village Subdivision! Hardwood Floors, 9 ft ceilings, many updates, large family room open to Kitchen! 2 Bedrooms on main level & one HUGE bedroom up. All bedrooms have a full bath. Kitchen has custom cabinetry! NEW HEAT/AIR UNITS IN 2023. Upstairs-2019. NEW DECK, 4 car garage heated & cooled, Storm Shelter, ALL FURNITURE, DECOR, TABLEWARE, BEDDING, LIGHTHOUSE PICTURES, Towels STAY PLUS NEW flooring that has not been installed. Take a golf cart ride to

Grand Rivers, World Famous Patties Restaurant, antique shops & more! CALL Jennifer Palmer Realty at 270-519-9000

738 Marina Village Dr., Grand Rivers, Kentucky • \$799,000.00 MLS # 136804. Quality Custom built 3 bedroom 3 full baths, 1/2 bath and 9 ft ceilings throughout. Built in 2006 in Prestigious Gated Marina Village Subdivision! Stunning Great room features wonderful brick fireplace, 25 ft high ceiling with beams, porch with stone gas stove, wood flooring, unique character open to kitchen for perfect entertaining! Large Kitchen plenty of cabinetry, pantry, bar stools & dining area. Primary bedroom suite on main level! Beautiful tray ceilings, walkout deck, bath has huge walk-in shower, walk-in closet, Jacuzzi tub, and double vanity. Half bath & utility room on main level. Guest bedrooms up, full bath, walk-in closet plus massive attic storage. Family room down, full bath, wine cellar, walkout patio, outdoor Kitchen, Pellet grill and BIG GREEN EGG grill built-in. Garage and workshop. APHW home warranty. Everything stays with full price offer!

643 Whitney Dr., Paducah, Kentucky • \$450,000.00 - MLS # 137569. Unique 3 bedroom 3 full bath West End home located in the desirable Pines Subdivision loaded with captivating character! Impressive living room features gas log fireplace, very tall valuted ceiling & large stylish windows for plenty of light. Kitchen has plenty of cabinets, island, breakfast area, and pantry. Excellent primary bedroom with spacious bath, jacuzzi tub, double vanity, walk-in closet, surround sound, balcony overlooking deck & backyard. Ample storage space throughout the home. New refrigerator & microwave in 2026. Massive deck perfect for entertaining!

Beautiful yard, trees and landscaping. Well insulated home so utility bills are low. Convenient to the mall area, I-24 and downtown Paducah. Underground Dog fence. CALL Jennifer Palmer Realty 270-519-9000

2836 James Sanders Blvd., Paducah, KY. MLS #134672. High traffic location, Approximately 3+ acres off exit #4 I-24 on James Sander's BLVD between Texas Road House and Academy Sports. Great location for commercial development. Approximately 450 feet of road frontage, level, with all utilities. \$2,450,000. Carla Bridges @ REMAX at 270-559-8425

6330 Burchell, Paducah, KY. MLS #136950. Premier custom home in one of Paducah's most prestigious neighborhoods, The Grove, privately set on a cul-de-sac. Grand entry, open kitchen with butler's pantry, spacious living room with fireplace, office, craft room, and luxurious primary suite with his and hers baths and sitting area. Enjoy a large, covered porch with outdoor kitchen, screened porch and 3 car garage. Upstairs offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, playroom/bedroom and bonus room. The walkout basement includes 2 bedrooms, full kitchen, family room, patio, storage, mechanical room and concrete safe room. Elevator serves all floors. French country exterior, stone/brick/extensive landscaping and circle drive. \$1,595,000. Contact Carla Bridges @ REMAX at 270-559-8425

500 S 17th • Paducah, KY 42003 Commercial/Industrial - \$1,399,000 MLS Number • 125918 • 18,900 sq. ft. Outstanding professional office building in the heart of Paducah featuring approximately 15,600 sq. ft. of office space with 26 private offices, 4 bullpens, 2 conference rooms, kitchen/breakroom, 2 IT rooms, 3 laboratory rooms, multiple work areas, and storage closets along with 2300 sq. ft. warehouse area. Also has an approximately 1000 sq. ft. detached storage building. Contact Carla Bridges @ REMAX at 270-559-8425

1114 Broadway, Paducah, KY. MLS #132732. Excellent opportunity for a client in need of a nice office building in midtown Paducah, centrally located

in the heart of Paducah's business district with high traffic location. Dual access from Broadway and Kentucky Avenue. Current tenants are expected to move by late fall. \$459,900. Contact Carla Bridges @ REMAX at 270-559-8425

House For Sale Ranch style, 3 bedroom, 2 full baths, Cedar siding. Sits on 6 acres. 116 Darnell Rd. Benton 42025. Call 270-404-6972 for appointment.

100 Acres sold all together. Livingston County, near Elementary school. store, fire department. Can be used for residential or commercial. 10 miles from Ky Lake 270-210-6697 (tfn)

37 Acres, Beautiful Building Site. 5050 Metropolis Lake Rd, W. Paducah. \$10,000 per acre. Call 270-210-4666 tfn

4 Adjacent 1 acres lots in Peninsula Subdivision on Lake of Egypt. Great year round fishing with no carp, barges, or big boats. 50 minutes from Paducah. \$29,995 for all four. Might divide into 2 parcels. Call owner 314-239-6676.

Large Ky Lake lot Mature trees, utilities, restricted to new construction or double wide. \$24,900. 270-970-8000 (tfn)

Beautifully and totally renovated condo in exciting Lower Town, Paducah, KY. Stainless steel and granite kitchen, original wood floors, two master suites with attached baths. Carport with storage. 2/3 -2,140 sq. ft. \$247,500. (972) 816-8766 (tfn)

401 E 12th St., Benton Charming and spacious 2,240 sq. ft. home. Immaculate property centrally located in Benton on a well landscaped corner lot. 3 Bedroom / 2 Bath. Expansive basement includes interior and exterior entrances. Workshop with additional outbuilding with concrete flooring for mower

etc. \$269,900 Call Carla Bridges REMAX Realty Group at 270-559-8425

1.6 acres with hookups septic and well. 2357 State Rt 384 Mayfield Ky. \$20k FIRM 270-564-6774(TFN)

5.75 Acres, Paradise Haven. I-77 & Hwy 52. Bland County Va. Hunting and surveyed, septic tank and well permits. Wooded and cleared building sies with roads. Taxes under \$200.00 per year. \$69,000.00 Ph. 270-226-2908 (tfn)

REAL ESTATE FOR RENT

For rent pasture grazing for cattle in McCracken County, available now. 270-519-3567

CAMPERS FOR SALE

2021 JAYCO JayFlight SLX, 195 RB Travel Trailer (21-foot) Never been lived in. Bath tub - Shower combo. Closet, Queen size bed, Refrigerator, Microwave, 2-Burner Stove, Electric Awning, Radio & TV Hookup, Fold-Out stairs, Storage, 2-Water Tanks. KEVIN AREA. Asking \$18,000 Call 270-349-4962

For sale Pop camper 2001 Coleman Grand Tour Utah; \$3,000. 270-519-7849 TFN

BOATS FOR SALE

REDUCED 2008 20 ft. Crestliner 1950 SF series, easy load trailer, 175 HP Mercury motor, canopy, travel cover, 2 fish finders, radio FM/AM, much more, garage stored, valued at \$15K, sell for \$12,000. 270-665-0010 / leave a message.

14' Polar Craft Boat, Like new motor, electric start, trailer 1 fuel can, Minkota trolling motor, canopy, fish finder, battery. Benton Ky \$5,500.00. OBO 815-236-9455 (TFN)

AUTOS FOR SALE

For Sale. 2009 Mercury Milan 82000 miles.

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COUGARS

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previous week, giving head coach Zach Wagner and his staff extra time to prepare a game plan. The timing could benefit the Cougars, although teams sometimes struggle to regain their rhythm following a week without a game. McLean County will need to avoid a slow start against an Owensboro Catholic team

capable of taking advantage of early mistakes. The Cougars will also host Hancock County on Thursday, Oct. 8, before entering the bye week. McLean County will close the regular season on the road against Ohio County on Friday, Oct. 30. The Cougars defeated the Eagles, 44-7, during last season's Senior Night game. The complete schedule includes six road contests and five home games, including the two preseason scrimmages.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING

The Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission") will hold a public comment meeting in the following case: *In the Matter of: Electronic Tariff Filing of Big Rivers Electric Corporation of a Retail Electric Service Agreement with Justified DataPower LLC, a subsidiary of TeraWulf Inc.* - Case No. 2026-00115. The public comment meeting will be held on Monday, July 27, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Central Daylight Time, at the Hancock County Public High School at 80 State Route 271 South, Lewisport, KY 42351, for the purpose of receiving public comments regarding the pending contract for provision of electric service among Big Rivers Electric Corporation, Kenenergy Corp., and Justified DataPower LLC, a subsidiary of TeraWulf Inc.

MONEY FOR ON-FARM INVESTMENTS AVAILABLE
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Application Availability:
McLean County Extension Service Monday – Friday (8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.)
For More Information:
Contact Extension Service at 270-273-3690 to request applications
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MENU

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toasted and served with a side of consommé for dipping.

BUSINESS GROWING
Menjivar, who manages the restaur-

rant, said customer traffic has steadily increased since the opening. "I want to say it's getting better every day," he said. "The first week, a lot of people didn't know we were open. The second week, it was busier, and karaoke brought in people who had been waiting for it." The restaurant posts updates about food and drink specials on its Facebook

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DEFENDANT
JUDGMENT \$6,372.50
Pursuant to the Judgment of the McLean Circuit Court, the Master Commissioner will sell at the **McLean County Courthouse**, Calhoun, KY, to the highest bidder on **Tuesday the 4th day of August, 2026, at 12:00 p.m., C.T.**
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John E. Ward
City Administrator

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The public comment meeting will be held on Monday, July 27, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Central Daylight Time, at the Hancock County Public High School at 80 State Route 271 South, Lewisport, KY 42351, for the purpose of receiving public comments regarding the pending contract for provision of electric service among Big Rivers Electric Corporation, Kenergy Corp., and Justified DataPower LLC, a subsidiary of TeraWulf Inc.

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Vs.

NOTICE OF SALE

CHRISTY DAWN SMITH; BILLY CARROLL SMITH, JR.,
DEFENDANT

Pursuant to the Judgment of the Muhlenberg Circuit Court, the Master Commissioner will sell at the **Muhlenberg County Courthouse**, Greenville, to the highest bidder on **Thursday the 23rd day of July, 2026, at 12:00 p.m., C.T.**

Address: 207 Twin Hills Drive, Greenville, KY 42345

PVA Number: 109-01-04-010.003

All property is sold in accordance with the legal description in the Judgment.

The Sale shall be for cash or ten percent (10%) down with thirty (30) days to pay the balance, and the purchaser shall give a bond, with good surety, for the purchase price, payable to the Master Commissioner bearing interest at the rate stated in the Judgment. The purchaser shall pay the real estate taxes for the 2025 tax year and following years.

Al Miller, Master Commissioner- 47715
428 North Second Street

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Central City, Kentucky 42330

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Invitation to Bid

The Muhlenberg County Board of Education will accept bids for the following:

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- Stripping and site restoration.

Bid information can be obtained from Derek Gill, Muhlenberg County Maintenance Department, 199 Spartan Dr., Greenville, KY 42345, phone 270-338-4631 between 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. All sealed bids must be received by 10:00 a.m., Monday, August 3, 2026 at which time they will be opened and read award will be made at the next Board meeting.

The Muhlenberg County Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids received.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ST JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: DR 26-0585

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF
JAXSON DALE GEARY DOB: 02/14/2020

EMMA JEAN GEARY DOB: 10/30/2021

Adoptees

By Petitioners Allison Brooke Blankenship and Joshua Thomas Blankenship

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR PUBLICATION

TO: **Billy Geary Jr.**, 33 Main Street, Central City, KY 42330

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P.O. Box 2613

Daytona Beach, Florida 32115

on or before August 3, 2026 and file the original with the clerk of the Circuit Court at 4010 Lewis Speedway St., St. Augustine, FL 32084, before service on Petitioner, Attorney or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's Office notified of your current address. Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the Clerk's Office.

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Dated: 6/26/2026

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY MUHLENBERG CIRCUIT COURT CIVIL ACTION NO. 26-CI-00173

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC

PLAINTIFF

Vs.

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ZACHERY KEITH SHEMWELL
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Be advised that I have been appointed as the Warning Order Attorney for the Defendants: Charles Edgar Wolcott, Joann Wolcott Crabtree, Lillian Wolcott, John James Wolcott, Jr., Paul Wolcott, James Woody Nunan, Phillip Franklin Nunan, Ruth May Purdy, Mary Louise Purdy, Rena Elizabeth Purdy, George Estell Purdy, Margaret Purdy and Dortha H. McDonald.

This is in relation to a law suit filed by ANP Tax Lien Company, LLC in the Muhlenberg Circuit Court Civil Action Number 24-CI-00085. Please advise if you are Defendant, Charles Edgar Wolcott, Joann Wolcott Crabtree, Lillian Wolcott, John James Wolcott, Jr., Paul Wolcott, James Woody Nunan, Phillip Franklin Nunan, Ruth May Purdy, Mary Louise Purdy, Rena Elizabeth Purdy, George Estell Purdy, Margaret Purdy and Dortha H. McDonald. If you do not respond or defend this action then your rights or interests to certain real property may be adversely affected or lost entirely. You should seek counsel immediately and respond to this action immediately.

Anyone having knowledge about the Defendants or how to contact the Defendants it is requested to provide that information to P.O. Box 370, Greenville, Kentucky 42345, calling (270-338-0816) or emailing rdrisk@hotmail.com. Please provide such information within twenty-one days from the date of this ad.

Warning Order Attorney
Ryan Driskill
Ryan Driskill, Attorney at Law

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CIRCUIT COURT

The following sentences were recently handed down in Muhlenberg Circuit Court:

- Linda Finch, assault in the third degree-healthcare provider, five years in jail and assault in the third degree-police/probation officer identity, five years in jail.

DISTRICT COURT

The following fines were recently handed down in Muhlenberg County District Court:

- Beau David Piper, failure to wear seat belts, \$25.
- Daniel B. Phillip, failure to report a traffic accident, \$203.
- Aaron Robertson, public intoxication controlled substance (excludes alcohol) and theft by unlawful taking or disposition \$268.
- Edward Lee Smith, failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance, first offense and failure to notify address change to Department of Transportation, \$253.
- Jay Perry Phillips, failure to improper signal,

operating motor vehicle under the influence of a substance-first offense, \$853.

- James Dean Bearley, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/substances-first offense, \$863.

- Jordan Lee Brock, no/expired Kentucky Registration receipt, no/expired registration plates, failure to produce insurance card, and license to in possession, \$303.

- Phillip Hicks, no motorcycle operators license, failure to or improper signal, no/expired registration plates, and unapproved/no eye protective device (motorcycle), \$343.

- Gabriel De-She Mitchell, improper display of registration plates, no/expired registration plates, and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance, \$675.

- Jason V. Vick, driving on D.U.I. suspended license-first offense, drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, and obstructed vision and/or windshield, \$543.

- Benji Antonio Chin, probable cause second offense and possession of a controlled substance, second degree-drug unspecified, \$363.

- Emily Johnson, theft-receipt stolen credit card, and fraud use of credit/gift card \$500 less than \$1000, \$268.

- Scottie Ray Utley, no/expired registration plates and failure of owner operator to maintain required insurance/security, first offense, \$150.

MARRIAGES

The following marriages were recently recorded in Muhlenberg County:

- Krystalynn Christine Wilson, 23, of Greenville to Jeremiah Dylan Hembree, 18, of Greenville.

- Shelly Leann Harder, 31, of Central City to Blake Stewart Gorden, 32, of Central City.

- Amber Fay Oldham, 31, of Drakesboro to Nicholas Ryan Powell, 28, of Drakesboro.

- Cassidie Shannon Vaeth, 24, of Beechmont to Tyler Allen Green, 28, of Beechmont.

- Michaela Marie Campbell, 25, of Nashville, TN to Cameron Scott Gonzalez, 27, of Nashville, TN.

- Sune Muenrat, 41, of Thailand to Scott Patrick Davenport, 46, of Central City.

AUCTION NOTICE

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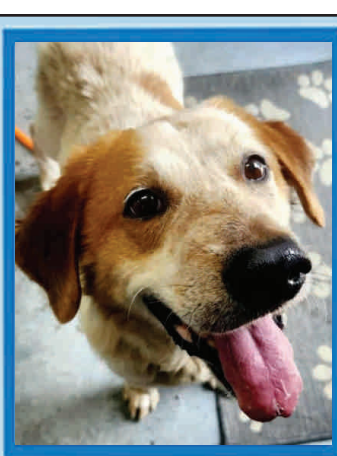

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CARLEE COATS gets ready to catch Collin Barbre, 3, of Central City. Also pictured is Vanessa Lindemeyer at the Greenville City Pool last month.--George Austin photo

New KSP podcast helps to continue building trust in law enforcement

The Kentucky State Police (KSP) invites Kentuckians to pull up a seat and join the conversation with the launch of its new podcast, Trooper Talk. Each episode will give listeners an exclusive behind-the-scenes look at the agency through candid conversations with the men and women who serve while also offering crime prevention tips, public safety insights and information about career opportunities with KSP.

Trooper Talk will feature officers and employees from across the state, with two 20-plus-year veterans hosting the debut episode. Trooper Corey King, Post 16 Henderson, joins Trooper Scottie Pennington, Post 11 London, to pull back the curtain on their journeys as state troopers.

"Trooper Talk goes beyond the flashing lights and headlines to talk about the people behind the badge," Trooper King said. "Every member of the Kentucky State Police has a story to tell--what inspired them to serve, the challenges they've faced, and the moments that have shaped their careers. Through real conversations, we hope listeners gain a better understanding of who we are and why serving Kentucky means so much to us."

Future episodes will expand to highlight historic solved cases and revisit current cold cases -- showcasing KSP's investigative successes while encouraging the public to share information that could help bring long-awaited answers to unsolved cases.

Episode one of Trooper Talk, "Shining the Brass," is available today on KSP's website, Apple Podcasts and Spotify. Episodes will be released every other Tuesday, with episode two, "The Great Honey Bun Fail," being available July 28.

The Beshear-Coleman administration's top priority is the safety of all Kentuckians. The Governor's public safety actions are creating safer communities and a better Kentucky.

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The 2025 Crime in Kentucky report, released last month, showed the second consecutive decrease in reports of serious crime in the commonwealth. From 2024 to 2025, reports of serious crime decreased by 8.14 percent.

Since Gov. Beshear took office, more than 2,700 officers have graduated from one of Kentucky's law enforcement training academies. As of the beginning of this month, 1,876 officers have graduated from the Department of Criminal Justice Training Basic Training Course and 307 have graduated from the Kentucky State Police Training Academy.

To continue increasing the amount of law enforcement officers protecting the commonwealth and to support the work of KSP, the Governor recently signed Senate Bill 102 to make it possible for retired KSP troopers appointed to Trooper R Class or commercial vehicle enforcement to return and serve the agency within specific timeframes.

In April, Team Kentucky broke ground on the Department of Criminal Justice Training's new Madisonville campus. When completed, the \$50 million project will house two buildings -- a 42,800-square-foot classroom and administration building providing learning space, offices and recruit showers and changing areas, as well as a 30,625-square-foot high bay building, which will house an open training area, additional classroom space and gym equipment. The recently passed 2026-2028 state budget also allocates \$13.1 million to construct a driving track at the new facility. The General Assembly did not include the full \$64.8 million requested by the Governor in his executive budget proposal to construct both a driving track and an indoor firing range at the Madisonville facility.

For four straight years, overdose deaths have decreased in Kentucky.

In 2025, the commonwealth saw 22.9 percent fewer overdose deaths than the year prior.

Since Gov. Beshear took office, fewer Kentuckians have returned to prison after their release. For two years in a row, recidivism rates in the commonwealth have decreased, meaning that nearly 70 percent of those released from state custody have not returned.

In December, the Governor joined KSP and first responders in Mayfield to bring local agencies onto the new Kentucky State Police radio system. In his 2026-2028 executive budget proposal, Gov. Beshear requested funding to finish the project and ensure state-wide coverage. The budget recently passed by the General Assembly did not provide the funding needed.

Last September, Lt. Gov. Jacqueline Coleman joined KSP to break ground on a new, state-of-the-art Drivers' Skills Pad at the agency's training academy in Frankfort. The \$2.7 million project will provide troopers, officers and cadets with a facility dedicated to safely practice and refine advanced driving techniques.

In April of last year, Gov. Beshear was joined by members of the Cash family, the Kentucky law enforcement community and the Department of Criminal Justice Training to officially open the doors to the new law enforcement training facility named in honor of Jody Cash, who lost his life in the line of duty. The facility is a 42,794-square-foot facility with a 50-yard, 30-lane firing range designed for officers to learn intensive and specialized training that will support training all of Kentucky's law enforcement agencies.

As the Governor recommended in January 2022, \$12.2 million was included in the state budget for KSP to purchase body cameras, which is the first time in the commonwealth's history that funding has been allocated for this much-needed expense.

Pledge of Allegiance and the SAVE Act

BY EMILY BURTON SHERMAN

Among the bustle of cooling coffee, roll call and morning chaos, Kentucky teachers pause each morning to face the flag, just as their students do with them. We start with the pledge not because we need the practice, but because we want the reminder.

"To the republic, for which it stands."

Not a person, a political party or a president, but the union. One nation, under God, not a king or tyrant but the same entity that entreats us to remember, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

As the nation skids towards midterm elections on two bald tires and a flat, the Pledge of Allegiance has taken on new importance and urgency as it reminds us we are loyal to our nation, not a politician.

It is this republic for which Americans must remain willing to fight. It is no coincidence that, as midterms approach, the president's latest rhetoric has become focused on undermining American voters by reheating baseless and blatantly false election conspiracies. A weak faith in our elections allows bad actors to cast doubt and sew division among us if the results don't enable their personal power plays.

To be clear, there is such a low instance of non-citizens voting that the odds of being struck by lightning are greater. The deeply conservative Heritage Foundation which maintains a database of election fraud cases, has only identified 23 cases of non-citizen voting between 2003 and 2022, as reported by the Migrant Policy Institute.

According to the Fair Elections Center, a nation-wide investigation

by ProPublica and the Texas Tribune found that only about 0.01 percent of voters were potentially non-citizens. In many states, that figure is actually lower. For example, In November 2025, the Tennessee Secretary of State identified only 42 potential non-citizens--approximately 0.0001 percent of the state's 4.3 million registered voters."

Numerous studies in each state as well as nationwide have reached the same, scientifically verified and vetted result: voting by non-citizens is such a rarity as to be a statistical nonissue. Certainly non-citizen votes do not hold enough power to actually influence any election results--0.0001 percent of votes only make a difference to those who hate immigrants more than they respect the Constitutional bedrock on which American's right to vote was enshrined.

Such "election fixes" like the president's SAVE act are proof of this deep-seated hatred and its potential to corrupt the very foundation of our republic by stripping legal voters of their right. It stands to be one of the largest acts of disenfranchisement in American history.

"The SAVE Act would exclude millions of eligible Americans from registering and voting simply because they lack the necessary paperwork to satisfy its extreme documentation requirement," upwards of possibly 9 percent of the eligible voter population in the country, reported the Campaign Legal Center, which are nonprofit and nonpartisan election advocates.

Similar laws in Arizona and Kansas were met with disastrous results, CLC noted. In Arizona, "about 100,000 voters almost lost their right to vote in the state's 2024 elections because

of a documentary proof of citizenship database error. State officials later discovered that over 200,000 voters were affected." Similar errors plagued Kansas elections where "the impact was felt most keenly by young and politically unaffiliated voters," who statistically tend to vote more blue.

"If the SAVE Act becomes law, these failed policies and harms could be mirrored nationwide," warned the CLC.

Why would the president of the United States, the top leader of the Pledge of Allegiance, want to disenfranchise nearly 10 percent of voters, and specifically those who vote more blue? Is voter suppression his only means of achieving voter support in November?

Perhaps the president recites the pledge not so much as a reminder but as a challenge, a grocery list of ills that are undeserved of the working stiff and service member "losers" he has publicly disparaged.

"One nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all" is already more rare in the face of ICE's continued brutalities against legal immigrants.

The Pledge of Allegiance has gone through several iterations since its inception in 1892. But its intent has not faltered. It is a moment of patriotic supplication, an affirmation that our loyalty lies with an ideal, a unified nation of states where the good of the people and the needs of the masses outweigh the vices of tyranny. It is a grand dream etched on parchment 250 years ago, and sanctified by the blood of a young rebellious republic that would be free.

Let us hope their sacrifice was enough to sustain us today through the tumultuous era of election deniers and presidential meddling. At the very least, we would all do well to pay a little more heed to what we pledge to the flag and the republic, while it still stands.



EMILY SHERMAN

WNBA enjoys 'hypergrowth' amid strained player relations

BY DOUG FEINBERG
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

NEW YORK — The WNBA has grown at an exponential rate during Cathy Engelbert's tenure as commissioner, a stewardship that at times has been tumultuous during her nearly seven years at the helm.

Engelbert, the second-longest tenured WNBA president or commissioner, helped negotiate a transformative collective bargaining agreement this past spring that gives the WNBA its first core of million-dollar player salaries.

"There's not a lot of jobs where you can make over 30-plus millionaires instantly, right?" Engelbert said in a phone interview with The Associated Press heading into this weekend's WNBA All-Star festivities in Chicago. "It just doesn't exist in most companies, except if you're like a stock-option company, and your stock does really well. Most of them are under the age of 30 and there are more to come."

Even with the financial gains, the WNBA's growth has come amid a strained partnership between the commissioner and players.

Engelbert has been criticized for how she has handled various situations, including for being out of touch or not doing enough to help combat social media vitriol.

Engelbert will meet with the executive committee of the players' union on Tuesday to discuss the recent uptick in online hatred and threats directed toward players.

New York Liberty All-Star Breanna Stewart, vice president of the WNBA players' union executive committee, said there is a respect for Engelbert among the players, just not much of a relationship.

Her Liberty teammate, Sabrina Ionescu, said she talks more to NBA Commissioner Adam Silver than Engelbert.

WNBA BUSINESS IS BOOMING

While the commissioner continues to try and strengthen her relationship with players, the business of the WNBA has thrived.

Engelbert was involved in talks that led to a record media rights deal worth over \$3 billion. The league has had record ratings, attendance and team valuations, and will expand to a record 18

teams by 2030.

"We've been in hypergrowth mode now for two or three years and companies, if you look back in time, you are not in hypergrowth mode forever," Engelbert said. "We're preparing ourselves now for the next version of ourselves, which probably isn't as

hypergrowth."

From a business standpoint, though, the league has grown, including navigating the coronavirus pandemic that could have crippled the WNBA.

"Give Cathy credit, as she advocated for the season," Seattle Storm

owner Ginny Gilder said. "We had no idea what was going to happen. People had to make decisions. Cathy pushed the Board of Governors to not only

have a shortened season, but to fully pay the players. Don't bicker. We were going to figure out the finances."

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Fancy Farm Picnic touts year of political spectacle

‘The Kentucky Derby of politics’

BY WILL SPENCER
FOR THE TIMES LEADER
AND HERALD LEDGER

FANCY FARM — The 146th Fancy Farm Picnic is set to deliver another set of officeholders and political candidates jockeying for support from an excitable crowd.

The event originated in the 1800s as a moment of fellowship and fundraising for its sponsor, St. Jerome Catholic Church. As it grew to attract thousands per year, it became widely recognized as the premier political speaking venue in the region.

In 1931, A.B. “Happy” Chandler appeared while campaigning for lieutenant governor and credited his victory to Fancy Farm; he would go on to be elected as the state’s 44th and 49th governor.

Since that milestone, Picnic Political Chairman Steven Elder said Kentucky politicians have considered Fancy Farm a pivotal stop on the campaign trail.

“It’s been almost 100 years for the political aspect of the picnic, so everybody knows it’s the Kentucky Derby of politics,” Elder said. “There’ll be a lot of people traveling across the state and even the country to come see this venue that’s unlike any other across the country.”

Elder said a notable race at the 2026 picnic is for the U.S. Senate, with Democrat Charles Booker and Republican Congressman Andy Barr vying for Republican Mitch McConnell’s seat. He said both will “hopefully bring their supporters and share messages on how they want to serve in the Senate.”

Barr is confirmed to speak at the event, while Booker’s decision is pending.

“All eyes are on the Senate for a lot of different reasons,” Elder said. “With the passing of Sen. [Lindsey] Graham and the hospitalization of Sen. McConnell, people are wondering what the Senate is going to look like. That will create a lot of excitement going into the November election.”

Other confirmed speakers include first district Congressional candidates John Drew Williams (D) and incumbent James Comer (R), State Sen. Jason Howell (R), State Rep. Kim Holway (R), U.S. Sen. Rand Paul



WILL SPENCER
Fancy Farm Picnic Political Chairman Steven Elder is shown.

(R), and Lt. Gov. Jacqueline Coleman (D).

Elder said the picnic committee strives to invite candidates and officeholders across the political spectrum, though the lineup can trend to the right since Kentucky is primarily a Republican state.

Nonetheless, the picnic operates as an impartial forum for politicians of any background to connect with voters.

“Traditionally, we’ve always sent invites to any officeholder within the 1st District. We always invite Democratic nominees for whatever office they’re seeking,” Elder said. “Fancy Farm is a nonpartisan event. We want to continue the spirit of that because there are probably very few places in the world where you can get both opponents on the stage smiling and shaking hands.”

Each speaker is allotted six minutes for stump speeches, which cover their core platform, personal background and vision for the future.

Elder said this classic piece of American political spectacle showcases the politician’s ability to engage and compel an audience. Speakers will often deliver witty remarks — sometimes directed at their opponents — but Elder said the atmosphere remains jovial.

“It’s fun, harmless joking as far as people jabbing at each other,” Elder said. “As a politician, you’ve got to be able to take a punch. Then, the crowd will get involved with different chants, claps, boos and cheers. It’s very intense and fiery, especially in the summer heat.”

Elder said the quaint setup also transports attendees to a time with fewer barriers between politicians and the pop-



AUSTIN ANTHONY | Kentucky Lantern
The Fancy Farm Picnic attracts droves of attendees for the political speaking.



File photo
Crowds at Fancy Farm are known to be energetic.

ulace. In an age where political content is filtered through social and broadcast media, he said these figures can disseminate their messages face-to-face in an amiable manner.

“Things on TV are scripted. They’ve got a suit and tie on. At Fancy Farm, people’s sleeves are rolled up talking with people directly,” Elder said. “It’s said that if you can sustain Fancy Farm, you can hold office. Fancy Farm is very important to the grassroots part of politics, of building support, energizing your supporters and delivering a speech from that stage that is memorable.”

Elder said the picnic’s greatest distinction is its uniquely bipartisan nature, as opposed to the mostly partisan rallies in today’s polarized climate.

“The difference in Fancy Farm is you can have somebody that’s maybe against the person speaking who realizes that they’re getting a different perspective,” Elder said. “Everybody’s going to throw mud throughout the political season, but at least in that moment, at least for a few hours, they can shake hands and be happy for all.”

Elder said the Fancy Farm Picnic ultimately harks back

to a tradition of democratic discourse among people who want the best for the country, even if they disagree on some issues.

“Fancy Farm is a beacon of hope that allows people to come together and be a little more civil when they otherwise wouldn’t,” Elder said. “There’s a lot of policies that you can think are right for the country, but we’re all human beings. A person could be sitting beside me that’s from the opposing party, but I can share a barbecue and drink a Sun Drop with that individual. It’s an opportunity that we have to show the rest of the world how it can be.”

Democrat Adkins officially enters governor’s race

BY MCKENNA HORSLEY
KENTUCKY LANTERN

Rocky Adkins, a former Democratic leader in the Kentucky House and senior advisor to Gov. Andy Beshear from Eastern Kentucky, is officially running for governor.

His campaign issued a press release Tuesday morning and released a video on social media. It opens with boxers fighting in a ring and then moves to Adkins speaking over shots of Kentuckians waking up to go to work and take care of their families.

“We’ve always been fighters,” Adkins says in the video before vowing to be a fighter for the commonwealth.

Beshear, who was



Photo by Arden Barnes for the Kentucky Lantern
Rocky Adkins speaks with Kentucky Secretary of State Michael Adams before the State of the Commonwealth address at the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History in Frankfort on Jan. 7.

elected in 2019 and 2023, is term-limited from run-

ning for governor again. Lt. Gov. Jacqueline Cole-

man, also a Democrat, announced her run

for governor in April. Her campaign recently reported it raised \$303,000.

“The governor of Kentucky is the last line of defense for the people of this commonwealth,” Adkins said in a press release. “That protection is only as strong as the person behind the desk. Right now, Kentucky needs a governor with the experience, backbone and record to take on these fights and win.”

Adkins, 66, an Elliott County native, represented the 99th House District, in Eastern Kentucky from 1987 to 2019. Beshear appointed Adkins as his senior adviser in 2019 after they had faced off in the primary earlier that year.

Adkins has been in the headlines recently after leaving Beshear’s administration and because the governor appointed him to the Kentucky State Fair Board last week, which recently switched the president and CEO after the governor gained control of the board following a recent Kentucky Supreme Court opinion.

Adkins will have an event Tuesday afternoon at The Burl in Lexington to share “my vision for our future and what’s next.”

The primary election will be held in May 2027. Rumored Republican candidates include U.S. Rep. James Comer and Secretary of State Michael Adams.

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PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property transfers are listed on deeds filed at the Hardin County Clerk's Office in Elizabethtown. FMV means fair market value and typically is based upon assessed taxable value.

- Malzahn Irrevocable Trust to Matthew Malzahn Irrevocable Trust, 8.9 acres off Ky. 1600 and Ky. 391, Vine Grove, nominal consideration. FMV: \$160,600.
- Dwight Roark and Jeanell Roark to David S. Edwards and Melissa Edwards, 8179 Leitchfield Road, Green Acres Subdivision, Cecilia, no monetary interest. FMV: \$158,300.
- Clarence Daniel Koch and Property Sense LLC, Block E, Lots 5 and 6, Green Hills Subdivision, Elizabethtown, \$101,000.
- John Meadors to John Meadors Trust, 1.031 acres at 332 St. Ambrose Church Lane, Cecilia, valuable consideration. FMV: \$372,200.
- Estate of Thea T. Adams to Marion Hughes, Lot 6, Belaire Subdivision, Rineyville, \$175,000.
- Haley A. Campbell and Austin S. Campbell to Nathan Smith and Keshia Porter, 151 Mount Moriah Blvd., Bethel Country Subdivision, Rineyville, \$455,900.
- Marion E. McAleer to Joshua Walter Cable and Julianna Rachel Danielle Cable, 1637 Cypress Drive, Foxboro Subdivision, Radcliff, \$27,500.
- Estol C. Banks Jr. and Christina M. Banks to Oscar Gerardo Espronceda Coronado and Karina S. Lopez Escamilla, 113 Deer Grove Court, Deerfield Hills Subdivision, Elizabethtown, \$750,000.
- Stanley Dewayne Barber and Lesley Benita Brown to William W. Wilson II, Section II, Lots 115-117, Blackburn Estates, Rineyville, \$14,000.
- Glenn S. Turner and Sandra G. Turner to WJHKY LLC, Lots 6A and 6B, Falcon Heights Subdivision, Vine Grove, nominal consideration. FMV: \$79,000.
- WJHKY LLC to Glenn S.

Turner and Sandra G. Turner, Lots 28A and 35B, Falcon Heights Subdivision, Vine Grove, nominal consideration. FMV: \$79,000.

- Big Bash Rentals LLC to Lonard Russell Dalton and Dawna Marie Dalton, 117 Oak St., Woodland Heights Subdivision, Elizabethtown, \$178,000.
- John Wright and Kristi Wright to Madison S. Campbell and Austin Campbell, 151 Thousand Oaks Drive, Elizabethtown, \$639,900.
- Kacie K. Evans and Aaron Martin Evans to Garold Merrill II and Cierra J. Merrill, Section 1, Lot 261, Meadowlake Subdivision, Radcliff, \$270,000.
- Jeremy Wayne Dyche to Jeremy C. Barnett and Shayna Kelly, 56 Curb Court, Trotters Ridge Subdivision, Elizabethtown, \$349,000.
- Derrick Board and Bethany Board to John F. Sterling and Susan Renee Sterling, Lot 3, Sugar Plum Farm Subdivision, Nolin Road, Sonora, \$45,000.
- Meri J. McCourt and Mark L. McCourt to Paul Powell and Kerry Thompson-Powell, Section 4, Lot 70, Ashton Park Subdivision, Elizabethtown, \$430,000.
- Daniel Schilling Cole and Heather L. Cole to Brian Cole, Lot 4A, Applewood Subdivision, Radcliff, \$180,000.
- Steven C. Bowden and Hannah M. Bowden to Margaret Kathryn Haydon, 208 Chandler St., Elizabethtown, \$107,000.
- Village Development Co. to 2924 Dolphin LLC, Lot 13C, Dolphin Hills Section of Clifford Holman Development, Elizabethtown, \$310,000.
- Jacob D. Joyner to Baptist Healthcare System Inc., Block C, Lots 14-17 and part of Lot 13, Helm Meadows Addition, Hill Street, Elizabethtown, \$310,000.
- Taylor Revocable Living Trust to Deborah J. Phillips, Section 1, Lot 71, The Village at Pine Valley, Elizabethtown, \$300,000.
- Sharon L. Hill to Mike

Cardin Properties LLC, Section 2, Lot 26, Avantgarde Estates, Elizabethtown, \$180,000.

- Roy F. Powell Sr. and Juanita Powell Revocable Living Trust to Peachie Juanita Powell, Section 1, Lot 34, Lincoln Hills Estate, Elizabethtown, nominal consideration. FMV: \$323,000.
- Kane Oster and Ashley Oster to Tyler Brendon Adams and Kara Whalen, Section 5, Lot 141, Nicholas Ridge Subdivision, Huckaberry Street, Elizabethtown, \$365,000.
- William A. Mayfield to Williams A. Mayfield and Rhonda Lee Smith, 122 Oak Hill Drive, Hillsdale Estates, Elizabethtown, no monetary consideration. FMV: \$74,200.
- Shree Ganesh 2022 LLC to Maahi B. Patel, one acres at 13461 Leitchfield Road, Eastview, no monetary consideration. FMV: \$92,000.
- Ida M. Major and Chambers Major to Nest Investments LLC, Lot 7, Valley Vista Subdivision, Vine Grove, nominal consideration. FMV: \$140,595.
- Han Family Living Trust to John Shelley and Sarah Shelley, Section 2, Lot 58, Cowley Crossing, Ashbrook Estates, Elizabethtown, \$330,000.
- David B. Fox and Rebecca M. Fox to Byeong K. Kim and Young M. Kim, Section 1, Lot 61, Nicholas Ridge Subdivision, Elizabethtown, \$307,000.
- Silver Dew Farms LLC to David Andrew Langley and Summer Stewart Langley, approximately 161 acres in two tracts at 2475 Sonora-Hardin Springs Road, Sonora, \$2,822,942.50.
- Regina Starks-Cobb to

Evan L. Starks-Cobb, 1007 Skyline Drive, Elizabethtown, love and affection. FMV: \$97,200.

- Marie Rita Swan to Daniel Joseph Swan, Scott Allan Swan and Kelly Marie Swan, 1003 David Court, Pearman Manor Subdivision, Radcliff, love and affection. FMV: \$202,900.
- Daniel Joseph Swan, Leigh-Ellen Swan and Scott Swan to Kelly Marie Swan, two-thirds interest in 1003 David Court, Pearman Manor Subdivision, Radcliff, no monetary consideration. FMV: \$135,266.66.
- Joseph A. House and Lavinia S. House to Charles Matthew Holwager and Linel Denise Holwager, 6566 Salt River Road, Rineyville, \$415,000.
- Estate of Owen Paul McDaniel to Ronda B. Stegner and Richard D. Stegner Jr., 2408 Hill St., Vine Grove, \$144,900.
- D.R. Horton Inc. to Brian Cochran and Patsy Cochran, Section 8, Lot 125, Ashton Park Subdivision, Wild Way, Elizabethtown, \$330,940.
- Robert Alan Thompson Jr. to Tyler Edwin Thompson and Haley Michelle Thompson, Section 1, Lots 43A and 45, Wakefield Farms Subdivision, Elizabethtown, \$150,000.
- WJHKY LLC to Carla Rodriguez, 722 Muirfield Vil-

lage Way, The Landings Subdivision, Vine Grove, \$316,990.

- Sean Seabolt and Teneil L. Seabolt to Timothy W. Huff and Terri Sienna Huff, Lot 9, Trappers Ridge Estates, Vine Grove, \$340,000.
- Kalissa M. Buchanan and Jake E. Buchanan to Destiny N. Luttrell, 7.5 acres off Pear Orchard Road, Elizabethtown, \$205,000.
- Julio C. Restrepo and Vanessa Joy Restrepo to Andrew B. Wilson and Anwuli N. Anazia-Wilson, Section 5, Lot 169, Lavista Estates, Rineyville, \$319,000.
- Master Commissioner to G.B. LLC, 115 Gaylene Ave., Radcliff, \$97,000.
- Estate of Kara Smith to Jessica Campbell, Teresa Hall, Lisa Jeffries and Anthony T. Smith life estate, 211 acres at 554 Brackett Cemetery Road, Upton, fulfilling terms of will, no monetary consideration. FMV: \$714,000.
- Rickie Cox and Connie Cox to Matthew A. Tant and Mal-lory A. Tant, 222 Fernwood Drive, Elizabethtown, \$750,000.
- Brandt C. Pawely to Abraham Edgar Marquez, Lot 150 Indian Hills Subdivision, Pawnee Drive, Elizabethtown, \$335,000.
- Rojet M. Umagat Jr. and Corinna Umagat to Lloyd Lee Davis Jr. and Caitlin Elizabeth

Davis, Lot 35, Park Place Subdivision, Vine Grove, \$295,000.

- Daniel Rhodes, Jennifer Rhodes, Vincent Hardcastle and Gale Hardcastle to Derrick Smallwood and Celine Cheyanne Smallwood, Lot 2A, Safari Trail, Vine Grove, \$205,000.
- Amy M. Scheumann to Craig D. Kisse and Lorenda L. Kisse, Section 5, Lot 88A, Ashton Park Subdivision, Elizabethtown, \$310,000.
- Gayle Eades and Michael J. Eades to Ashley Nicole Hart-lage, Lot 6, Twisted Pines Subdivision, Elizabethtown, love and affection. FMV: \$696,000.
- Gayla Eades and Michael J. Estes to Michael Charles Eades, Lot 3, Tabb Springs Estates, Elizabethtown, love and affection. FMV: \$680,600.
- Mark Vertrees, Rebecca Vertrees, Matthew Vertrees and Ashley Vertrees to Gabriel Zachariah Fischer and Krista Lane Fischer, Section 2, Lot 13, Thistledown Place Subdivision, Upton, \$315,500.
- Thomas R. Bennett and Christy Bennett to Bennett Family Trust, three parcels totaling 16.9119 acres at 4288 St. John Road, Elizabethtown, valuable consideration. FMV: \$327,300.

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Week in Review: Education, government and committees

During the first full week of July, legislators met in interim committees to study issues affecting communities across Kentucky while also carrying out one of the legislature's most significant administrative moves — selecting a new executive director to lead the Legislative Research Commission, the nonpartisan agency that provides the research, legal, fiscal, administrative, and operational support that keeps the General Assembly functioning year-round. Our new executive director brings a unique perspective, having served in all three branches of Kentucky government, experience that will strengthen the legislature's ability to serve the people of the Commonwealth.

Along with that leadership transition, lawmakers continued reviewing issues ranging from education and agriculture to public safety and government spending. Here are summaries of committee meetings the week of July 6.

IJC on Education: Members heard from a variety of stakeholders in the K-12 education system. First, the committee heard an overview on the status of

advanced coursework options across the state. Next, the Kentucky Department of Education provided an update on the education strategy for students with dyslexia or dysgraphia. Finally, the panel heard from leading advocates for a traditional, analog education in K-12 schools. Presenters highlighted the decline in reading and math scores across the nation since the digitization of education.

IJC on Local Government: Lawmakers heard from the Kentucky Association of Counties and the Kentucky League of Cities on a recent decision by the Kentucky Court of Appeals regarding the legal framework surrounding the proposed project in Breckinridge County. The case stems from a lawsuit filed by Clover Creek Solar and affected landowners in Breckinridge Circuit Court, where the court issued a declaration of rights

finding that the county's solar ordinance was not a zoning ordinance and, therefore, permitted solar facilities to locate anywhere within the county. Additionally, members discussed the coroner's issues including their request to increase compensation.

IJC on State Government: Members discussed Kentucky agriculture and Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) initiatives. Through the employee health plan, the University of Kentucky offers vouchers to help employees cover the cost of CSA memberships, which provide weekly boxes of locally grown produce, meat, and other agricultural products during the growing season. University representatives highlighted benefits including improved employee health, stronger support for local farms, and keeping food dollars in Kentucky. The Kentucky Department of Agriculture proposed allowing state employees to earn wellness points through CSA participation under the Kentucky Employee Health

Plan beginning in 2027. Legislators also approved an administrative regulation implementing SB 85, which allows special needs trusts to be used within Kentucky's state-administered retirement systems in order to provide financial security for families planning for the long-term care of loved ones with disabilities.

Government Contract Review: Legislators heard funding requests and contract proposals from Kentucky agencies and organizations. The committee received testimony on contracts to provide consulting services for the Cabinet for Health and Family Services and the Department for Medicaid Services, as well as a contract to support ongoing litigation aimed at reducing electric costs for Kentuckians. Members also reviewed funding requests, including those for Kindergarten Readiness Screener assessments, and questioned agency officials about contract cost increases, the availability of federal funding, and the justification for significant expenditures.

Information Technology Oversight Committee: Leg-

islators received updates on the status of KentuckyWired from the Office of the Attorney General, Ledor Technical Services, and the Kentucky Wired Operations Company. Testimony focused on ongoing litigation, network operations, and efforts to complete and manage the statewide high-speed broadband network. Members questioned officials about project costs, contractual obligations, system performance, and long-term sustainability as Kentucky continues working to expand reliable broadband infrastructure for government agencies, schools, businesses, and communities across the Commonwealth. Legislative Oversight and Investigations: Lawmakers received the 2026 update from the Kentucky Child Fatality and Near Fatality External Review Panel, including improvements to its case management system and trends in the cases it reviews. Representatives

from the University of Kentucky discussed the impact of recent state legislation on Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) agreements and efforts to keep Kentucky's universities competitive in recruiting student-athletes. The Kentucky State Police also updated members on the Statewide Emergency Responders Voice System (SERVS), a statewide radio communications network designed to improve communications between law enforcement, firefighters, EMS, and other first responders. Officials said the project is progressing but will require additional funding to complete the statewide system.



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Hancock County Clerk Records

Real Estate Transfers

Toni N Sexton to Scotty L Sexton 51.087 Acres in Patesville
Verna M Beard Ramsey and Ronald Edward Ramsey to Donald Ray Stevens
and Shelly Diane Stevens Tract on Hendricks Road
Harold D Cowden, Sr. and Suzanne M Cowden to Victoria L Schneider and
Heather D Masullo Lot 21 in Lincoln Country Estates Subdivision
James David Tindle, Holly Nicole Tindle, Justin Ray Tindle and Marcy Leigh
Tindle to Jeannie Marie Tindle 8/10 Acres on Squirrel Tail Hollow Rd
Carroll David Sanders, Darrin Cartwright and Rebecca Cartwright to Carrol
David Sanders 2.83 Acres HWY 1700
Darrin Cartwright, Rebecca Cartwright and Carroll David Sanders to Dar-
rin Cartwright and Rebecca Cartwright 18 Acres HWY 1700
Roger L Boling to James B Harlan 11305 State Route 2181 Hawesville
Joseph Michael Mattingly and Jean Ann Mattingly to Joseph Michael Mat-
tingly 2052 State Route 2181 Hawesville
White Sand Investments LLC to Sherry Krietemeyer 0.722 Acres State
Route 144W

Accident Reports

Two-vehicle collision

No injuries were reported in a two-vehicle collision July 3 at approximate-
ly 6:01 p.m. at the intersection of Madison Street and U.S. Highway 60 in
Hawesville.
Newman Norman was traveling westbound on U.S. Highway 60 in the center
lane when he attempted to merge into the outside (right) lane. Norman told the
officer he “did not see” the other vehicle and struck it while changing lanes.
Robert Burnett, the driver of the second vehicle, and a passenger told the of-
ficer they were traveling westbound in the outside lane when Norman merged
into their lane, causing the collision.
Norman’s vehicle sustained minor damage along the passenger side, while
Burnett’s vehicle sustained minor to moderate damage along the driver’s side.
All parties declined medical evaluation or transport. Both vehicles remained
operable and were driven from the scene following the investigation. Hancock
County Sheriff Department’s Deputy Cody Axton filed the accident report.

New Kentucky Law Allows Concealed Carry Licenses for Ages 18-20

A new Kentucky law will allow some younger adults to obtain a concealed
deadly weapon license beginning July 14.
House Bill 312 creates a provisional concealed carry license for Kentuckians
ages 18 to 20. While Kentucky law already allows most adults 18 and older to
openly carry a firearm, those under 21 previously could not obtain a license to
carry a concealed weapon.
Gov. Andy Beshear vetoed the measure, saying individuals under 21 are pro-
hibited from purchasing alcohol and tobacco products and arguing concealed
carry should be treated similarly. He also noted that federal law generally pro-
hibits federally licensed firearm dealers from selling handguns to people under
the age of 21.
The Kentucky General Assembly later overrode the governor’s veto. The Sen-
ate voted 28-9 to override, following an 81-18 vote in the House, allowing the bill
to become law.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE PASSAGE

Hancock County Fiscal Court will consider for passage and
adoption Ordinance 2026-01, relating to the approval of an
amendment to the order of the Fiscal Court of Hancock County
relating to the imposition and payment into the Treasury of
Hancock County, Kentucky, of license fees based on the exercise
of activities necessary to carry on businesses, trades, occupations
and professions in Hancock County, Kentucky as it relates to net
profit exemptions, enacted on August 13, 1973, at 5:00 pm on
Monday, July 27, 2026, in the Fiscal Court Room located at the
Hancock County Administration Building, 3rd Floor, 225 Main Cross
Street, Hawesville, KY 42348. A full text of the proposed
ordinance is available for public inspection at the Hancock County
Judge Executive’s Office, Hancock County Administration Building,
3rd Floor, 225 Main Cross Street, Hawesville, KY 42348, Monday –
Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE



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hereby declares its intention to apply for NQ Retail Malt
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B, HAWESVILLE, KY 42348. The owners of the corporation are
MAHENDRAKUMAR PATEL (President) residing at 19013
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association, corporation, or body politic may protest the
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Alcoholic Beverage Control, 500 Mero St 2NE33, Frankfort,
Kentucky, 40601, within thirty (30) days of the date of legal
publication.



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FEMA

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operations rely on out-sourced contact center contracts to handle call volume, particularly during post-disaster surges.

But on July 5, 2025, the contract lapsed after Noem declined to renew it under an internal policy requiring her personal review of expenditures exceeding \$100,000. With the contract lapse, FEMA had no contractors available to answer calls, the report said.

“The response was terrible by FEMA,” Stanton said . “That’s exactly the opposite of what Americans want and need from this agency.

“So that’s what this report shows, that the decimation of FEMA has been purposeful and there’s illegal actions being taken by deploying FEMA employees for work with ICE and Homeland Security,” Stanton added.

The month after FEMA’s poor response to the Texas floods, DHS directed FEMA staff to serve as the “operational backbone” of large-scale immigration enforcement and detention operations, “a function with no basis in FEMA’s statutory mission and without clear legal authority,” the report said.

FEMA staff were directed to perform functions including operational planning for arrests, raids and patrols, the report said. They also assisted with processing and logistics for detained noncitizens, recruiting and onboarding ICE officers and day-to-day management of immigration detention facilities, the report said.



The decision to divert FEMA staff to assist with immigration enforcement came after cuts to FEMA weakened the agency’s response to the deadly July 4, 2025, floods in the Texas Hill Country. BRANDON BELL/GETTY IMAGES FILE

“ICE could not have done this work without FEMA,” one witness said in the report of the misuse of FEMA staff in immigration enforcement activities.

During the 2026 hurricane season, which started June 1 and lasts through November, the deployment of FEMA staff for nonhumanitarian or for nondisaster missions, along with staff reductions, has hurt the agency’s readiness and ability to respond swiftly and efficiently when disaster strikes, the report said.

“These issues and setbacks raise grave con-

cerns about the agency’s ability to keep Americans safe before, during and after natural disasters,” the report said.

While FEMA staff have been deployed in the past for nondisaster-related humanitarian work during surges of migrants and unaccompanied minors at the southern border, this is the first time they have been used to play a role in federal immigration enforcement arrests and deportation efforts, the report said.

DHS and FEMA officials did not respond to a request for comment.

Stanton said the report was triggered by

whistleblowers within FEMA who came forward “so the American people can know what is happening inside FEMA.”

Stanton is the ranking Democrat on the House Transportation Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, which oversees FEMA.

Using information from whistleblowers, government documents and other sources, the report reveals the elimination of thousands of FEMA employees through cuts. It shows how the DHS under the Trump administration has deployed hundreds of FEMA employees to ICE.

“Which is way outside

the purpose of FEMA,” Stanton said. “That should anger all Americans because if there was a natural disaster in our country, and inevitably there’s going to be one, FEMA is significantly less prepared to deal with that.”

The deployment of FEMA staff to play a role in immigration enforcement violates the 2006 Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act, Stanton said.

The law was enacted by Congress in direct response to the catastrophic failures in FEMA’s response to Hurricane Katrina and specifically prohibits the DHS secretary from “substantially or significantly” reducing

FEMA’s ability to perform its missions, authorities and responsibilities, the report said.

DHS needs to recall all FEMA staff from immigration enforcement details and reimburse FEMA for the amount of time FEMA staff spent assisting ICE and the Border Patrol in immigration enforcement work and replenish the agency’s disaster relief fund, the report and Stanton said.

DHS “needs to get back in the business of making FEMA ready for the purpose for which it was established, which is helping Americans in times of their greatest need when disaster strikes,” Stanton said.



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U.S. Rep. Greg Stanton said he would like to see FEMA made an independent agency where it no longer would operate “at the whim” of the DHS secretary. PATRICK T. FALLON/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

Massie

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“That’s why I’m joining Rep. Massie and my colleagues to introduce the Epstein Files Transpar-

ency Act II, which allows state attorneys general and survivors to sue the U.S. Attorney General and demand transparency,” Khanna said.

The new legislation follows a July 2 court filing from the DOJ defend-

ing the agency’s decision to withhold millions of investigative files, USA TODAY reported. Acting Attorney General Todd Blanche said releasing more materials would harm Epstein’s victims and the government, and instead offered to share additional materials “in camera,” a legal term meaning behind closed doors with a judge.

“The Court should not order the Department to take further action,” Blanche said. “The Government can share additional details regarding specific records in camera or with appropriate protections in place.”

Contributing: Aysha Bagchi and Michael Loria, USA TODAY Network. Reach Marina Johnson at Marina.Johnson@courier-journal.com.

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Hawthorne named OCTC Paramedic Technology coordinator

BY BERNIE HALE

Owensboro Community & Technical College (OCTC) has named Les Hawthorne as the new coordinator of its Paramedic Technology program.

Hawthorne succeeds Joe Dennison, who joined OCTC as a paramedic lab instructor in 2017 and is retiring after years of dedicated service to the college and its students.

With nearly four decades of emergency medical services experience, Hawthorne brings a wealth of knowledge and leadership to the program. During his 38 years as a paramedic, he has served in a variety of roles, including street paramedic, operations manager, chief paramedic, EMS instructor, paramedic program coordinator, state director of licensure and certification, and state EMS training director. He is also an EMS author with a lifelong passion for advancing the profession through education and training.

Hawthorne holds a Bachelor of Arts in Pastoral Theology. He is certified as a Kentucky Paramedic Edu-

cator and a Maryland Fire Service Level III Instructor. He has also completed the National Fire Academy's Fire Service Course Design and Training Program Management programs.

Dr. Scott Williams, OCTC Chancellor, said Hawthorne's extensive experience and passion for EMS education make him an excellent choice to lead the program.

"We are fortunate to have Les join our team," Williams said. "He brings extensive real-world experience, exceptional knowledge of the profession, and a genuine passion for preparing future paramedics. His enthusiasm for teaching and commitment to student success are evident, and I know our students and community partners will benefit from his leadership."

Hawthorne said he looks forward to helping prepare the next generation of emergency medical professionals.

"I'm honored to lead OCTC's Paramedic Technology program and help

prepare the next generation of emergency medical professionals," Hawthorne said. "My goal is to provide students with a challenging, supportive learning environment while strengthening our partnerships with EMS agencies and healthcare providers throughout the communities we serve. Together, we'll equip graduates with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to make a difference when it matters most."

OCTC's Paramedic Technology program is accredited by the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP). The curriculum meets the National EMS Education Standards and the requirements established by the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services (KBEMS). Graduates are eligible to sit for the National Registry Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic (EMT-Paramedic) examination.

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Mentor new anglers for chance to win kayak package

SUBMITTED

Experienced anglers can "Mentor to Win" a kayak prize package each time they take a new, eligible angler fishing this summer. Hosted by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, the contest is free to enter and open to anyone licensed to fish in Kentucky for the 2026-2027 license year.

The contest winner will receive a new kayak, paddle, personal flotation device and two spinning rod and reel combos. Complete contest details are available on the department's website (fw.ky.gov).

Anglers 16-years-old and older can mentor a new angler, also age 16 or older, at least once this summer through Aug. 31 to be eligible for the prize package. Both mentor and mentee must possess

a valid Kentucky fishing license for their outing. The new angler must have never purchased a Kentucky fishing license or must have not purchased an annual Kentucky fishing license in the last three years.

"Our goal with this program is to get as many people engaging in the outdoors as possible," said Rachel Crume, Conservation Education Program coordinator for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "We know that's where most people are healthiest and happiest, and it's our privilege to share this service with both seasoned anglers and the next generation."

The mentor should use the MyProfile portal on the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website to enter the name and identification number of the person that they

took fishing. Mentors can enter as many times as they like by taking multiple people fishing.

Excellent fishing opportunities are available year-round on waterbodies across Kentucky and can easily be found on the Waterbodies Search page. In addition to many large lakes and streams, more than 40 Fishing in Neighborhood (FINs) lakes are located across the commonwealth to provide excellent fishing close to home.



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/s/Lori Woosley
LORI WOOSLEY,
Leitchfield City Clerk



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MINERS

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With the stinging loss now in the rearview mirror, the Miners must

quickly wash the dust from their spikes and turn their gaze toward a highly emotional finale.

Madisonville is scheduled to close out the 2026 Ohio Valley League regular season with a final, traditional showdown against their bitter rivals,

the Hoptown Hoppers. The matchup tonight carries a distinct historical weight; with the beginning of Hopkinsville High School and Christian County High School consolidation, this weekend's clash may

very well represent the final game ever contested on the grounds of the now former Hopkinsville High School baseball field.

For the Miners, it is an

opportunity to close the summer on a high note against a team they have

had many battles against this summer.

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(2) The proposed operation is approximately 0.1 miles northeast from US 41A's junction with Happy Lane and located 0.3 miles west of Pond Creek.
(3) The proposed operation is located on the Slaughters U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area is owned by Warrior Coal, LLC. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of public road US 41A. The operation will involve relocation or closure of the public road.
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Whether it's financial anxiety, a medical situation, family problems, frustrations, sadness, or maybe blaming yourself for whatever, sometimes life can be tough. However, in the midst of all that is going on, we can always turn to God, who is filled with an endless source of strength, hope, and love. We can choose to embrace the encouraging truth that God really cares about our concerns and worries. He has the power and the solutions to give us the victory, no matter the size of our obstacles or how hopeless the situation.

"And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work" II Corinthians 9:8. Carlos A. Rodriguez is quoted as saying, "If there's a Goliath in front of you, remember there's a David inside of you!"

Yes, there are bumps in the road that can help us learn about faith and patience, but whatever the crisis, it was not God's intention for us to dwell in a state of defeat. Despite being surrounded by negative forces, we have been given the opportunity through Jesus Christ to abide in His presence and enjoy an abundance of joy, security, hope, and peace. In John chapter 10, we find the words of Christ: "The thief comes not but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: but I (Jesus) have come that you might have life and that you might have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd gives his life for the sheep." Whatever the situation, Jesus has promised to deliver you as you continue growing stronger and more confident in Him.

The concept of God supplying our needs is a wonderful and true spiritual reality, but there is also a crucial component to receive His abundant blessings: our responsibility to believe. Without faith, it's not only impossible to please Him, but highly unlikely that His miracles can be activated in our lives. Faith can move mountains, but we seldom consider that our doubt and fear allow them to remain. In Jeremiah chapter 29, God has a fantastic plan for us. "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the



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Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope." He will do His part when we understand that our part is doing it His way. "Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart."

I recall a story about a small farming community that had been experiencing a terrible drought. The crops were dying in the fields, and everyone was very worried because this was how they made their living. The pastor of the local church called a special prayer service for all the people of the town to gather in front of the church and spend some time agreeing in faith that God would send some rain. Many people arrived, and you could sense the seriousness among the crowd. As the pastor was getting ready to begin the meeting, he scanned the crowd and noticed many troubled faces. As his attention was directed to the front row, he saw a young

girl standing quietly. Her face was beaming with excitement, and then he noticed she was holding a large, colorful umbrella.

As he focused on the umbrella, he was ashamed that he had not brought one himself, and now felt a sudden surge of hope and confidence. The little girl's childlike innocence warmed his heart as he realized how much genuine faith she possessed. Though the town had come together in spiritual unity to pray for rain, it seemed that no one anticipated getting wet. When we pray, do we really believe we are going to receive what we ask for? Sir William Robertson is quoted as saying, "There isn't enough room in our mind for both doubt and faith. We must decide which one will control our destiny." The world and even our own human nature will constantly remind us it's impossible, it's risky, and it's hopeless, but true faith will prove that nothing is too difficult for God.

Dr. Billy Holland is an ordained minister, chaplain, and author. Read more about Living On Purpose at billyhollandministries.com.

What are you filled up with?

How hard would you need to shake an apple tree for it to start dropping oranges? I know, that sounds ridiculous to even ask! Maybe a better question would be, why do apples fall from an apple tree when shaken?

Yes, the answer is pretty obvious. It's an apple tree, so only apples are going to fall out!

What happens when you get shaken? When we are mistreated, misunderstood or maligned, how do we respond? We often do



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not respond to bad things with kind words, patience and love. We are much more inclined to retaliate with anger and an equal dishing out of whatever was given to us!

We need to determine what we are going to be filled up with. An apple tree can only drop apples because that's what it is filled with. What are you filled up with?

There is a contrast in the scriptures between the old man and the new man (Eph. 4; Col. 3). The old man is how we used to live. Paul describes it with qualities like anger, wrath, malice, slander, abusive speech, lying, immorality, greed, etc (Col. 3:5-9). He said, "in them you also once walked" (vs. 7). What's different about a Christian is that we do not live that way any longer. The new man is "in the likeness of God." It is "created in righteousness and holiness of the truth" (Eph. 4:24). Paul said the old man was crucified with Christ so we are no longer slaves of sin (Romans 6:6).

How we respond to situations around us, show others what we are filled with. Will we live by the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-24) or the works of the flesh (Gal. 5:19-21)?

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING

The Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission") will hold a public comment meeting in the following case: *In the Matter of: Electronic Tariff Filing of Big Rivers Electric Corporation of a Retail Electric Service Agreement with Justified DataPower LLC, a subsidiary of TeraWulf Inc.* - Case No. 2026-00115.

The public comment meeting will be held on Monday, July 27, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Central Daylight Time, at the Hancock County Public High School at 80 State Route 271 South, Lewisport, KY 42351, for the purpose of receiving public comments regarding the pending contract for provision of electric service among Big Rivers Electric Corporation, Kenergy Corp., and Justified DataPower LLC, a subsidiary of TeraWulf Inc.

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Private investment in youth sports draws state, federal scrutiny

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Courtney Hamby and her husband spend close to \$6,000 per year for their daughter Ellie's cheer and tumbling classes, competition fees and uniforms.

That doesn't include their travel expenses for multiple out-of-town competitions, including hotel rooms, gas, meals, and sometimes even flights.

"This should be something that everyone gets to play, and it shouldn't be only the people who can afford it," said Hamby, who lives in Madison, Alabama. "But if you don't have money, you're not doing competitive cheer."

Youth sports is now a \$40 billion industry. It's a sprawling, commercialized ecosystem where parents pay hundreds or even thousands of dollars each year for club teams, elite camps, out-of-state tournaments, private coaching sessions, professional-level uniforms and equipment, recruiting events, and even streaming subscription services to watch their kids play.

The amount of money involved — nearly double the annual revenue of the NFL — has made youth sports increasingly attractive to private investors, including private equity firms. State regulators are starting to take notice.

In April, Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel, a Democrat, began investigating possible anticompetitive practices in youth hockey, with a focus on the privately owned Black Bear Sports Group, the largest owner-operator of ice rinks in the United States. The company was the focus of an earlier investigation from USA Today for using its control of rinks, teams, leagues and even streaming services to create a youth hockey system that critics say have raised costs and limited choices for families.

"The Attorney General is looking into the matter concerning Black Bear Sports Group out of concern for the risk of consumer harm — including higher prices and reduced service quality — that can arise from diminished access to community and recre-



Photo courtesy of Tiffany Whitlow

David Faulk played soccer for his high school, shown here, as well as for club teams before transitioning to football. His family paid thousands each year for his sports, a cost that approached \$20,000 during his final years of high school. The money that families pour into youth sports has made it increasingly attractive to private investors, including private equity firms.

ational services," Danny Wimmer, Nessel's press secretary, wrote in an email. He declined to offer further comment on the investigation.

A spokesperson for Black Bear Sports said the company is committed to growing the sport of hockey, and offers a free youth program for kids who've not previously participated in organized hockey.

"We've also saved community rinks that would otherwise have been lost: In Southern Michigan alone, five have closed since 2019, and the only one slated to reopen is a Kalamazoo rink Black Bear saved from closure," the spokesperson wrote in an email.

Republican Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton's office opened its own investigation into anticompetitive business practices in youth hockey last November. It centered on the privately owned Dallas Stars, a National Hockey League team whose board includes private equity executives. Another USA Today investigation detailed how the team used tens of millions in taxpayer dollars to corner the youth hockey market in Texas.

Oklahoma Watch, a nonprofit news outlet, last year explored so-called "stay-to-play" schemes, a common tactic in youth sports in which kids whose teams travel for a tournament must stay in one of the tournament's partner hotels in order to play.

Consolidating smaller leagues and facilities under one company can lock families into the only game in town.

Then those youth sports monopolies can cut deals with related industries, such as tournament-specific hotels or elite sports camps.

Many cheer competitions like the ones Hamby's daughter attends are run by Varsity Brands, a sports conglomerate acquired by private equity giant KKR for \$4.5 billion in 2024 from investment giant Bain Capital, which acquired it in 2018 from two other private equity firms.

Varsity Brands has been mired in antitrust lawsuits for the past several years, including a confidential settlement in May over allegations it was involved in illegal price-fixing and a separate \$82.5 million class action settlement in 2024. In that suit, cheer athletes' families in 35 states said Varsity artificially inflated the costs of cheerleading camps, competitions and apparel. The company did not admit any wrongdoing.

Private investment can provide the capital that allows sports companies and youth leagues to respond to market demand for higher-quality coaching and services. And it can stand in the gap where public investment in recreation has fallen in recent decades, said Anthony Delli Paoli, director of the Rutgers University Youth Sports Research Council.

However, Delli Paoli said, it's a problem when families "have to take out a second mortgage or max out their credit cards in order to participate in sport."

"There's no good justification for locking in parents and families and driving up the costs," he

said. "That's clearly an antitrust issue."

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Hamby, like many parents who grew up in the 1980s and 90s, remembers playing on sports teams as a kid in rec center gymnasiums and on neighborhood ballfields, coached by volunteers who often had more enthusiasm than experience.

Those days are mostly gone.

The average U.S. sports household spent \$1,016 on its child's primary sport in 2024, a 46% increase since 2019, according to The Aspen Institute's Project Play initiative.

Several parents who spoke with Stateline across multiple youth sports reported spending far more than that, from \$2,000 to nearly \$20,000 annually.

Multiple parents told Stateline they knew other families who had taken on extra work to pay their kids' team fees, or had to make a choice between paying the fees or paying a household bill.

"It's very easy to get lost in the travel (sports) world and make it your whole life. I see so many people do it," said Hillary Harris, another Madison mom whose 14-year-old son plays travel baseball.

"You get consumed with it because you're thinking, 'My kid's going to go to (a Division 1 school) and play baseball, and this is how they're going to get there.'"

Many parents are willing, or feel compelled, to spend thousands to help their kid be successful in a sport they love, to keep them from lagging behind their peers, or as an investment in a potential college or professional sports career.

That captive customer base is increasingly attractive to private investors.

In 2024, two of the world's most prominent private equity investors rolled up their youth sports properties under a new parent company, Unrivaled Sports, which manages facilities and tournaments for baseball, softball, flag football and other sports, including partnerships with MLB Hall of Famer Cal Ripken, Jr. and Olympic skateboarder Shaun White.

Former NFL quarterback Eli Manning's private equity firm Brand Velocity Group acquired RCX Sports in June; RCX manages the licenses of the official youth sports programs of all the major professional sports leagues including the NFL, MLB and the NBA.

Earlier this year, a Chicago-based private equity firm acquired LiveBarn, a subscription-based service that lets family and friends stream amateur hockey and other sports from thousands of venues across the United States and Canada.

And 3STEP Sports, one of the nation's largest youth sports club organizations, controlling more than 5,000 clubs across all 50 states, has been backed by a Washington, D.C. based private equity firm called Juggernaut Capital since 2019.

In June, congressional lawmakers held a hearing on private equity's growing role in the commercialization of youth sports, an event they titled "Field of Fees."

U.S. Sen. Chris Murphy of Connecticut and U.S. Rep. Chris Deluzio of Pennsylvania, both Democrats, have cosponsored a bill that would ban private equity firms from investing in youth sports unless they can prove they don't use predatory practices.

"Youth sports should not be a luxury good," Deluzio told constituents in April at a community hearing he held in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

Deluzio said kids get left behind their peers when their parents can't keep up with the rising costs.

"The big reason for that is that youth sports are getting swallowed up by private equity vulture investors that are seeing dollar signs instead of community," he said.

Bryan Finnerty, founder and CEO of a 220,000-square-foot sports center in Canton, Michigan, and founder of a Michigan venture capital firm, said in written testimony submitted to Congress that his sports center wouldn't exist without private investment.

Done right, Finnerty said, such investment can strengthen communities, expand access and create more sports opportunities

for children.

But "when short-term financial goals become more important than the children and families those organizations exist to serve, it is appropriate to ask difficult questions," he said.

'WELL WORTH IT'

Tiffany Whitlow's son David found the kind of success many sports parents dream of for their kids.

He started playing sports at age 3, eventually specializing in soccer and playing on travel teams. Whitlow estimates the family spent a few thousand dollars a year on sports when he was younger, a number that surpassed \$10,000 per year as he grew older and approached \$20,000 shortly before he graduated.

During David's senior year of high school, the school's football coach came to a soccer practice looking for a kicker. David volunteered. His family invested in extra coaching, gym memberships and training to get him ready to play.

Now he's a kicker on the football team for Alabama A&M University, a Division I school.

Whitlow said her family's investment was "well worth it." She plans to do the same for her younger son, who is 3 and just started tee ball.

"Me and my husband both believe you learn the core competencies for life through sports," she said. "You learn how to be on time, you learn how to work on a team. Those kinds of things really prepare you to be the best kind of human and adult you can be."

Hamby said her daughter loves cheer — and she's good at it. Participating has given her confidence and helped her make close friends, gifts that are hard to measure in dollars.

"It's finding something that they can be proud of and I love that for her," Hamby said. "I want her to feel like she's exceptionally good at something."

"For me, those are good things that you don't see, but I'm paying for that, too. It comes with the sport."

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POLICE REPORTS

The following list is compiled from reports from area law enforcement agencies:

Owensboro Police Department

- Milton J. Rugama Calero, 42, of the 2000 block of Yewells Landing, was charged with driving while under the influence of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia on Friday.
- A theft of 18 spools of copper wire was reported in the 1800 block of Carter Road on Tuesday.
- A theft of a moped/scooter was reported in the 3300 block of Ridgewood Street on Wednesday.
- An assault of a minor

was reported in the 2100 block of East 19th Street on Thursday.

- A theft of lawn equipment valued around \$330 was reported stolen in the 2400 block of Bluff Avenue on Thursday.
- Michael A. Easter, 37, was charged with first-degree possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, and public intoxication on Thursday.

Daviess County Sheriff's Office

- Ervin A. Domingo Ajpop, 20, of the 1000 block of Center Street, was charged with driving while under the influence and first-degree possession of a controlled substance, cocaine, on Friday.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

The following marriage licenses were issued between July 9-July 15:

- Joseph Nathaniel Kaminski, 29, Alyssa Paige Beck, 26
- Steven Jacob Bende, 27, Haley Michelle Carter, 26
- Michael Edward Pearre Jr., 35, Courtney Alexis Rice, 30
- Michael Bryant Crump, 23, Emily Ann Marie Bennett, 26
- Casey Brian Willoughby, 50, Nancy Kay Pierce, 46
- Travis Scott Clark, 25, Jacob Allen Howell, 25
- Devon O'Neal Fitzgerald, 26, Andrea

- Nichole Carter 27
- Damion Michel Hopkins, 27, Danielle Nichole Couch 35
 - Ronald Eugene Clark, 34, Madison Nichole Chapman, 32
 - Amelia Vazquez Lucas, 35, Marilanda Bravo Perez, 29
 - Camron Alex Johnson, 24, Hadley Nicole Phelps 23
 - Zachary Thomas Gledhill, 36, Payton Ellis Culver Foster, 29
 - Brandon Wesley Kemper, 28, Mamie Carolina Lewis, 22
 - Ryan Anthony Pantaleo, 36, Heather Renee Skaggs, 26

TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Today is Saturday, July 18, the 199th day of 2026. There are 166 days left in the year.

TODAY IN HISTORY
On July 18, 1976, at the Summer Olympics in Montreal, Nadia Comaneci of Romania became the first gymnast to receive a perfect score of 10 from Olympic judges for her performance

ROAD

FROM PAGE A1

there. You're in town, but you're really out in the country there. So you get a different traffic flow than you get in town."

KYTC is working with the city of Owensboro to schedule a public informational meeting before the roundabout opens.

Hughes said a date and time have not yet been set.

"We still get a lot of questions about roundabouts, and especially with the traffic flow you'll see in that area of

on the uneven bars.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS
Olympic gold medal figure skater Tenley Albright is 91. Movie director Paul Verhoeven is 88. Singer Dion DiMucci is 87. Actor James Brolin is 86. Baseball Hall of Famer Joe Torre is 86. Singer Martha Reeves is 85. Business mogul Richard Branson is 76. Actor Margo Martindale is 75.

Fairview Drive and Old Hartford Road," Hughes said. "We really just want to make sure that everybody goes in fully understanding the concept, because when you see roundabouts working, it's amazing the difference it makes in traffic flow.

"We are working with the city of Owensboro and the Owensboro Police Department, and we hope to have the meeting sometime in the next two weeks. We're going to have to get it together quick."

Hughes said the meeting's date and time will be announced once they are finalized.

FUNERALS

FROM PAGE A3

Meade, Ronald, 85, died Friday. Service: Noon Saturday at Glenn Funeral Home and Crematory. Visitation: 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Thomas, Vicki, 70, died Wednesday. Service: 12 p.m. Saturday at

Tucker Funeral Home in Central City. Burial: New Harmony Cemetery. Visitation: 10 a.m. until time of service Saturday at the funeral home.

Towery, Fred, 71, died Wednesday. Service: 4 p.m. Wednesday at Muster Funeral Homes, Calhoun Chapel. Visitation: 3 to 4 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.



Photo by Greg Lamb

Owensboro native Brad Stanley stands by his work bench inside his Central City workshop.

HANDS

FROM PAGE A2

after factory life had become tedious, did Stanley again make a change of course: college classes, a geology degree and a new job.

But in his peripheral, always, was the call of his craft.

"I really just wanted to make my own things," he said.

A DYING ART

Stanley had fallen in love with a dying art. Career woodworkers, once a staple of every berg and hamlet, have disappeared under the predatory glow of IKEA's pristine showrooms for fast, cheap particle board.

The Woodworking Career Alliance of North America paints a bleak picture for its field.

The alliance's 2021 survey found "nearly three-quarters (73.8%) of the woodworking representatives ... indicated it is "very challenging" to hire qualified workers for their manufacturing operations.

Making matters even more disconcerting is that 57.9% said it has been "much more challenging" to hire now than three years ago."

As one survey respondent posted, "To find an employee with actual experience in our industry is rare."

Another added, "Three years ago things were tough. Now it's impossible. I'm not sure how much longer this business can continue."

To put it bluntly, kids just aren't in the garage building wonky birdhouses with wood scraps anymore.

"Change is needed at the parent-child level as well as across the board at school systems and media. Unless skilled trades are once again respected there will continue to be a decline in the availability of workers in the skilled trades," the report summarized.

As college degrees have grown into the gold standard of post-secondary education, America's classic trades have fallen by the wayside.

The craftspeople

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics found in 2023 that scarcely more than 3,400 establishments built residential wood furniture in the U.S., while 8,022 plants still made wood cabinets. The venerable "Woodworker Magazine," based in England, ended its long run in November 2024 after more than 120 years in print.

that once gave our neighborhoods their soul — the blacksmith, the woodworker, the baker — have become relics under a flood of inexpensive imports, flashy apps and free shipping.

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"End of an era," posted one reader in response.

Conversely, digital furniture and homegoods superstore Wayfare posted fourth quarter profits of \$2.9 billion, which had reportedly increased by \$202 million from the previous year. In its annual summary, IKEA U.S. reported \$5.3 billion in sales for 2025, with plans to build four new stores in the states.

It is a battle between consumerism and craftsmanship. It's not hard to see who's winning.

THE HEART OF AN ARTIST

American lawyer, author and artist Louis Nizer wrote, "A man who works with his hands is a laborer; a man who works with his hands and his brain is a craftsman; but a man who works with his hands and his brain and his heart is an artist."

Stanley has been all three. Yet it took years as a factory man then as a geologist before his artistry rediscovered him.

"A couple of summers ago, somebody asked me if I could help them with their kitchen. What started out as redoing some doors and doorfronts turned into an entire rip out — all out," Stanley said. "It took me a good four months to finish that kitchen, but it

turned out really great."

The project became a beacon home to his first love: woodworking projects of his choice, on his own time, in his own space.

Most customers find him by word of mouth, as is typical in a small town, but word is spreading.

Wood comes to life in his workshop among the hanging bar clamps and odd buckets of drop (more commonly known as scraps, clutter or building blocks, depending on your age.)

On his worktable, a graceful chair leg swoops easily along the solid lines of the seatback, joined by perfectly square nodes — called tenons — that don't simply decorate the piece; they have been precisely aligned with corresponding holes — called mortises — to join the pieces together in a quiet, woodworker's flex of skill.

It is difficult to imagine something so beautiful in both form and function started off as a stack of rough wood waiting patiently on someone's shelf, much like the pieces of oak in Stanley's workspace.

"Any time somebody comes to you and commissions you to do a reproduction or bring ideas to them, build something totally new, it's always great, but when you get that family history in there... you want to try hard. It has sentimental value to somebody else, you are doing your best to keep it true to form, so it lasts another 100 years," he explained.

Woodworkers don't often get to pick what projects they want, just as they don't grow the trees they use, or carefully mill them into lumber.

More often than not they take what they are given, look deeply into

its grain, and do the best with what they have. In that regard, they are a bit like all of us. Except they see potential in the mundane and have the infinite patience to bring it to the surface.

"I think working with wood [connects you] to the Earth. I think it's a big part of it, you appreciate what trees you see while you're on your hike and realize, it was once a breathing, living organism that you can still bring some life to," Stanley said.

He's in his early 60s now, and has finally connected to his craft in a way he couldn't in his factory years.

He spends time in his workshop and on the trail, hiking through some of the nation's best parks. He met his wife, Misty Deason Stanley, while hiking Sheltoewe Trace, Kentucky's long trail, and has put his skills to good use in their basement, creating custom outdoor gear storage.

He still enjoys Americana designs, still has some of his earliest projects around the house, still speaks humbly of his craft despite his growing list of fans and proven skill.

Stanley spent years honing his artistry when he could; now he finally has the time to fully appreciate it.

A few blocks from his workshop, waiting quietly in the growing dusk of an early summer day, hangs the family swing he restored.

It is now more new than antique, but his patience with the project is obvious. What could be saved was reused. What couldn't was carefully recreated.

One hundred years from now, it will be ready for a new generation of woodworkers. One hundred years from now, one hopes they are still around.

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SATURDAY, JULY 18
AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL (MEN'S)
5 A.M.
FS2 — AFL: Brisbane at Gold Coast
10 P.M.
FS2 — AFL: Hawthorn at Richmond
1:30 A.M. (SUNDAY)
FS2 — AFL: Greater Western Sydney at Essendon

AUTO RACING
5 A.M.
APPLE TV — Formula 1: Practice, Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps, Stavelot, Belgium

9 A.M.
APPLE TV — Formula 1: Qualifying, Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps, Stavelot, Belgium
FS1 — NTT IndyCar Series: Practice, Nashville Superspeedway, Lebanon, Tenn

10:30 A.M.
FS1 — INDY NXT Series: Practice, Nashville Superspeedway, Lebanon, Tenn
11:30 A.M.
FS1 — NASCAR CRAFTSMAN Truck Series: Faith Fest 250, North Wilkesboro Speedway, North Wilkesboro, N.C.

NBCSN — Supermotocross World Championships: Round 23, Millville, Minn.

2 P.M.
FOX — NTT IndyCar Series: Qualifying, Nashville Superspeedway, Lebanon, Tenn

3:30 P.M.
FS2 — INDY NXT Series: Qualifying, Nashville Superspeedway, Lebanon, Tenn

4 P.M.
TRUTV — NASCAR Cup Series: Practice, North Wilkesboro Speedway, North Wilkesboro, N.C.

5 P.M.
FS2 — NTT IndyCar Series: Final Prac-

tice, Nashville Superspeedway, Lebanon, Tenn

5:10 P.M.
TRUTV — NASCAR Cup Series: Qualifying, North Wilkesboro Speedway, North Wilkesboro, N.C.

BEACH VOLLEYBALL
1 P.M.
CW — AVP: League Week 6, New York

CFL FOOTBALL
3 P.M.
CBSSN — Montreal at Calgary

CYCLING
5:30 A.M.
NBCSN — UCI: Tour de France, Stage 14

2 P.M.
NBC — UCI: Tour de France, Stage 14 (taped)

GOLF
4 A.M.
USA — DP World/PGA Tour: The Open Championship, Third Round, Royal Birkdale Golf Club, Southport, England

6 A.M.
NBC — DP World/PGA Tour: The Open Championship, Third Round, Royal Birkdale Golf Club, Southport, England

11 A.M.
GOLF — DP World/PGA Tour: Corales Puntacana Championship, Third Round, Puntacana Resort & Club (Corales Golf Course), Punta Cana, Dominican Republic

3 A.M. (SUNDAY)
USA — DP World/PGA Tour: The Open Championship, Final Round, Royal Birkdale Golf Club, Southport, England

GYMNASTICS
6 P.M.
NBCSN — USGA: U.S. Classic, Hartford, Conn.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL (BOY'S)
8 A.M.
NBATV — EYBL Peach Jam: TBD, Augusta, S.C.

12:30 P.M.
NBATV — 3SSB Palmetto Road Championships: TBD, Rock Hill, S.C.

HORSE RACING
11:30 A.M.
FS2 — Saratoga Live

1 P.M.
FOX — Dunkin' Diana: From Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

2 P.M.
FS1 — Saratoga Live

4 P.M.
NBC — Breeders' Cup Challenge Series: NYRA Bets Haskell Stakes, Oceanport, N.J.

5 P.M.
FS2 — Saratoga Live

LACROSSE (MEN'S)
1 P.M.
ABC — PLL: Carolina vs. Denver, Fairfield, Conn.

MILB BASEBALL
6:30 P.M.
MLBN — Double-A: Amarillo at Springfield

MIXED MARTIAL ARTS
7 P.M.
ESPN2 — PFL: Main Card, Austin, Texas

MLB BASEBALL
1 P.M.
MLBN — Regional Coverage: Minnesota at Chicago Cubs (2:20 p.m.) OR Miami at Milwaukee (4:10 p.m.)

4:30 P.M.
MLBN — Regional Coverage: Texas at Atlanta (joined in progress) (4:10 p.m.) OR Miami at Milwaukee (joined in progress) (4:10 p.m.)

7 P.M.
FOX — Regional Coverage: L.A. Dodgers at N.Y. Yankees (8:08 p.m.) OR San Francisco at Seattle (8:08 p.m.)

NBA BASKETBALL
3:30 P.M.
PRIME VIDEO — Summer League Playoffs: Boston vs. Orlando, Consolation Game, Las Vegas

4 P.M.
ESPN — Summer League Playoffs: Philadelphia vs. Milwaukee, Consolation Game, Las Vegas

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5:30 P.M.
PRIME VIDEO — Summer League Playoffs: Houston vs. Memphis, Semifinal, Las Vegas

6 P.M.
ESPN — Summer League Playoffs: Atlanta vs. Washington, Consolation Game, Las Vegas

PRIME VIDEO — Summer League Playoffs: Atlanta vs. Washington, Consolation Game, Las Vegas

7:30 P.M.
PRIME VIDEO — Summer League Playoffs: Golden State vs. L.A. Lakers, Semifinal, Las Vegas

8 P.M.
ESPN — Summer League Playoffs: Indiana vs. New Orleans, Consolation Game, Las Vegas

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9:30 P.M.
PRIME VIDEO — Summer League Playoffs: San Antonio vs. Phoenix, Consolation Game, Las Vegas

RUGBY (MEN'S)
8:55 A.M.
CBSSN — 2026 World Junior Championships: New Zealand vs. England, Third-Place Play-Off, Tbilisi, Georgia

11:25 A.M.
CBSSN — 2026 World Junior Championships: France vs. South Africa, Final, Tbilisi, Georgia

6:25 P.M.
CBSSN — 2026 World Rugby Nations Cup: U.S. vs. Spain, Third Round, Cary, N.C.

SOCCER (MEN'S)
11 A.M.
CBS — USL Championship: Louisville at Pittsburgh

4 P.M.
FOX — FIFA World Cup: France vs. England, Third-Place Match, Miami Gardens, Fla.

SOCCER (WOMEN'S)
11 A.M.
ABC — NWSL: Seattle at NJ/NY Gotham FC

1 P.M.
CBS — NWSL: Portland at Denver

3 P.M.
CBS — NWSL: North Carolina at Bay FC

5:30 P.M.
ION — NWSL: Angel City at Chicago

7:45 P.M.
ION — NWSL: Orlando at Utah

SOFTBALL
1 P.M.
ESPN — Athletes Unlimited: Utah at Chicago

3 P.M.
ESPN2 — Athletes Unlimited: Oklahoma City at Carolina

9 P.M.
CBSSN — Athletes Unlimited: Texas at Portland

TBT BASKETBALL
11 A.M.
FOX — TBT: The Ville at La Familia, First Round — Game 1

TENNIS
4 A.M.
TENNIS CHANNEL — Umag-ATP Singles Final: Gstaad-ATP, Bastad-ATP, Athens-WTA & Iasi-WTA Semifinals

5 A.M.
TENNIS CHANNEL — Umag-ATP Singles Final: Gstaad-ATP, Bastad-ATP, Athens-WTA & Iasi-WTA Semifinals

4:30 A.M. (SUNDAY)
TENNIS CHANNEL — Gstaad-ATP, Bastad-ATP, Athens-WTA & Iasi-WTA Singles Finals: Kitzbuhel-ATP Early Rounds

7 P.M.
TENNIS CHANNEL — Gstaad-ATP, Bastad-ATP, Athens-WTA & Iasi-WTA Singles Finals: Kitzbuhel-ATP Early Rounds

WNBA BASKETBALL
7 P.M.
CBS — New York at Indiana

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Recalled RHP Cam Sanders from Norfolk (IL).

BOSTON RED SOX — Recalled LHP Alec Gamboa from Worcester (IL). Activated OF Jahmal Jones and 1B Willson Contreras. Agreed to terms with OFs Owen Hull and Martin Shelar, SSS Jace Matczynski, Willis Maginnis, Jacob Webster and Colton Coates, RHPs Lucas Davenport, Kaleb Lofavor, Mason Leil, Jase Evangelista, Alex Kranzler and Luis Calderon and LHPs Brett Lanman, Kide Adetuyi and Josh Volmerding on rookie contracts.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Sent OF Austin Hays on a rehab assignment to Charlotte (IL).

CLEVELAND GUARDIANS — Sent OF Angel Martinez on a rehab assignment to Columbus (IL).

DETROIT TIGERS — Sent 2B Gleyber Torres and RHP Burch Smith on rehab assignments to Lakeland (FLS).

HOUSTON ASTROS — Placed OF Brice Matthews on the 10-day IL, retroactive to July 14. Selected the contract OF Lucas Spence from Sugar Land (PCL). Reinstated RHP Kai-Wei Teng from the 15-day IL.

NEW YORK YANKEES — Sent LHP Max Fried on a rehab assignment to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).

SEATTLE MARINERS — Sent 3B Brendan Donovan on rehab assignment to Tacoma (PCL).

TAMPA BAY RAYS — Recalled RHP Mason Englert from Durham (IL). Sent RHPs Jesse Scholtens and Steven Wilson on rehab assignments to Durham (IL).

TEXAS RANGERS — Agreed to terms with 3B Jonah Bride on minor league contract.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Recalled 1B Tyler Locklear from Reno (PCL).

ATLANTA BRAVES — Sent RF Ronald Acuña Jr. and SS Ha-Seong Kim on rehab assignments to Gwinnett (IL).

CHICAGO CUBS — Agreed to terms with RHPs Cade Townsend, Luke Alwood, Carson Jasa and Dylan Marionneau and LHP Cole Tryba on rookie contracts.

DEALS

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
AMERICAN LEAGUE
ATHLETICS — Transferred DH Brent Rooker to the 60-day IL. Selected the contract of 3B Tommy White from Las Vegas (PCL).

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Detailed copies of the following Ordinances adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Paducah on July 14, 2026, are on file and may be obtained upon request at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 300 South 5th Street, Paducah, Kentucky.

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 126-69 MOBILE HOME PARKS AND 126-79 QUALIFIED MANUFACTURED HOMES OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PADUCAH, KENTUCKY.” This Ordinance is summarized as follows: This Ordinance amends the Paducah Zoning Ordinance to replace references to mobile home parks with land-lease communities, update applicable development standards, and revise regulations for qualified manufactured homes to comply with KRS 100.348, effective July 1, 2026. The amendment allows qualified manufactured homes in residential zones where single-family homes are permitted, subject to applicable performance and compatibility standards. The Planning Commission held a hearing on June 1, 2026, and forwarded a favorable recommendation to the Board of Commissioners.

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 126-102 LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL ZONE, R-1 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PADUCAH, KENTUCKY.” This Ordinance is summarized as follows: This Ordinance amends the Paducah Zoning Ordinance to update the R-1 Low Density Residential Zone by requiring all new single-story homes to have a roof pitch of at least 5:12 and a permanent foundation. The amendment is intended to maintain neighborhood character and ensure compatibility of qualified manufactured homes, as permitted under KRS 100.348. The Paducah Planning Commission held a public hearing on June 1, 2026, and subsequently forwarded a favorable recommendation that the City Commission approve the proposed text amendment.

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 126-103 LOW AND MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL ZONE, R-2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PADUCAH, KENTUCKY.” This Ordinance is summarized as follows: This Ordinance amends the Paducah Zoning Ordinance to update the R-2 Low and Medium Density Residential Zone by requiring all new single-story homes to have a roof pitch of at least 5:12 and a permanent foundation. The amendment is intended to maintain neighborhood character and ensure compatibility of qualified manufactured homes, as permitted under KRS 100.348. The Paducah Planning Commission held a public hearing on June 1, 2026, and subsequently forwarded a favorable recommendation that the City Commission approve the proposed text amendment.

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE VIII, FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT, DIVISION 3, PROCUREMENT, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PADUCAH.” This Ordinance is summarized as follows: This ordinance amends Division 3, Procurement, of Article VIII of Chapter 2 of the Paducah Code of Ordinances to update and clarify the City’s procurement procedures. The amendment is intended to align the City’s procurement code with recent changes enacted by the Kentucky General Assembly relating to local public agency transactions, including changes to small purchase and bid advertising thresholds. To avoid future inconsistencies as state law changes, the ordinance replaces fixed dollar references where appropriate with references to the applicable statutory threshold. The amendment also clarifies the distinction between small purchase procedures and administrative award authority. Small purchase procedures will continue to govern the method of procurement for purchases within the statutory small purchase threshold. Separately, the ordinance authorizes the City Manager to approve and award contracts of up to \$75,000, subject to compliance with all applicable procurement requirements and verification of available appropriations. Contracts exceeding \$75,000 will continue to require approval by the Board of Commissioners.

“AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PADUCAH AND PROFESSIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS OF PADUCAH, LOCAL 168, INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS.” This Ordinance is summarized as follows: This Ordinance authorizes the Mayor to execute an Agreement with the Professional Fire Fighters of Paducah, Local 168, International Association of Fire Fighters. This agreement will become effective July 1, 2026, and expire on June 30, 2029.

CERTIFICATION

A Summary of the above Ordinance was prepared under the supervision of a licensed attorney.

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Webster County District Court

The following persons were scheduled on the docket in Webster County District Court on Tuesday, July 14 before District Judge Ben Leonard.

Carolyn Eileen Hayes, operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, first offense, aggravator and possession of open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle, continued to July 21.

Sally Jo Moore, operating motor vehicle. Under the influence of alcohol, first offense and failure to illuminate head lamps, fined \$200.00 plus court costs on first charge plus 30 days in jail, four days to serve, balance probated per order and enrollment in ADE classes, and operator's license suspended per Department of Transportation regulations, fined \$20.00 on second charge.

Jeremy Anderson, speeding 18 mph over posted limit, fined \$26.00 plus court costs and referred to state traffic school.

Allondra Elaine Collins, speeding 13 mph over posted limit and no operator's license, pre-trial conference on August 4.

Cody Wayne Gibson, speeding 26 mph or more over posted limit, fined \$75.00 plus court costs.

Jason M. Hall, speeding 14 mph over posted limit and failure to produce insurance card, fined \$30.00 plus court costs on first

charge, second charge dismissed based on verified proof.

Michael Irvin, speeding 14 mph over posted limit, limited access and failure to wear seat belt, paid in full.

James M. Lantham, no operator's license, failed to appear, bench warrant.

Eduardo Guadalupe Trevino-Valdez, operating vehicle with expired operator's license, continued to July 28.

Thomas Wayne Ware, speeding 19 mph over posted limit, fined \$35.00 plus court costs.

Kiyah La'Shay White, speeding 24 mph over posted limit, completed CATS.

Christal L. Whitehead, speeding 14 mph over posted limit, failed to appear.

David Evans Williams, speeding 26 mph or greater over posted limit, fined \$75.00 plus court costs.

Leslie Anne Dorey, public intoxication, controlled substance, excludes alcohol, pre-trial conference on July 28.

Brooke Noel Guertin, no or expired Kentucky registration receipt and no or expired registration plates, fined \$25.00 plus court costs on first charge, fined \$25.00 on second charge.

Sydney D. Harmon, person 18 years of age or over assisting minor to purchase alcohol, fined \$100.00 plus court costs.

David Lamonte

Himmelheber, assault, fourth degree, minor injury, pre-trial conference on September 1.

Colton Wyatt Maulding, attempted theft by deception, including cold checks, \$500 to less than \$1,000, pre-trial conference on July 21.

Richard A. McVay, criminal trespassing, third degree and disorderly conduct, second degree, failed to appear, bench warrant.

Francisco Maldonado Mendez, public intoxication, controlled substance, excludes alcohol, menacing, three counts, and terroristic threatening, third degree, pre-trial conference on July 28.

Denver C. Moore, review for non-payment of \$979.89, apply jail credit for \$54.00, defendant to pay \$50.00 per month in August, September, and October, review on October 17.

Pedro Pascal Gaspar, wanton endangerment, second degree, reckless driving, operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, first offense, aggravator, and possession of open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle, continued to July 28.

Billy W. Simms, stalking, second degree, pre-trial conference on August 25.

Justin Michael Wilson, person 18 years or over assisting minor to purchase alcohol, continued to August 4.

Charles Hunter

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Winstead, public intoxication, controlled substance, excludes alcohol, pre-trial conference on August 25.

Kaitlynn Albritton, speeding 23 mph over posted limit, failed to appear.

Miranda Floyd, assault, fourth degree, domestic violence, minor injury, disorderly conduct, second degree, and menacing, 365 days in jail on first charge, 33 days to serve, credit for time served, plus payment of court costs, remaining charges dismissed.

Finis J. Mullins, theft by unlawful taking, shoplifting, failed to appear, bench warrant.

Triston Puckett, motion hour continued from April 24, continued to July 28.

Triston Puckett, violation of Kentucky EPO, continued to July 28.

Triston M. Puckett, violation of Kentucky EPO, continued to July 28.

Daniel L. Sargent, criminal trespass, first degree and assault,

fourth degree, minor injury, two counts, continued to August 11.

Daniel Lewis Sargent, review for non-payment of \$30.00, continued to August 11.

Wesley Dewayne Scott, failure of owner to maintain required insurance, first offense and failure to or improper signal, fined \$500.00 plus court costs on first charge plus 10 days in jail probated per order, fined \$20.00 on second charge.

Steven Dewayne Waddell, terroristic threatening, third de-

gree, continued to September 8.

Rebecca Ann Workman, owner permitting vicious dog to run at large, continued to August 4.

Daniel Jones, possession of controlled substance, first degree, second offense, methamphetamine, buying or possessing drug paraphernalia, and fleeing or evading police, second degree, motor vehicle, continued to July 28.

Leslie Dory, theft by failure to make required disposition of property, preliminary hearing on July 28.

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Between You and Me x 2

By Monty Carter

The Sound of Silence

To know silence is a good thing. Our world has very little silence these days. We are bombarded by noise daily. Smartphones alone bring more noise than previous generations experienced. The beeps of another text, email, social media post, or call remind us of our technology chains. Then there is work noise, family noise, neighborhood noise, news media noise, sports noise, and government noise. When was the last time you sat in silence? When was the last time you really listened to the birds chirping, water running from a fountain, stream, or waterfall?

In my faith journey, I’ve learned that the noise of life can crowd out the voice of God. Most of the time, it is not intentional. It’s simply our routine. Every day, we encounter the same noise as well as new noises. The discipline of silence is awkward to those who do not practice it. It is uncomfortable. Even worship can be noisy:

“Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen.” (Amos 5:23)

The prophet Amos warned his generation about the hollowness of “ceremonial worship.” The people were singing loudly and making offerings, but their words did not match their hearts. Amos pointed out the hypocrisy of worshipping God while ignoring the injustices to the poor and needy. The judges and courts had become corrupt. Fancy houses and vineyards were built on the backs of cheating others. The wealthy were taking bribes, and corruption was everywhere. They were literally going through the motions of worship while having deceitful hearts. This was noise to God’s ear. It was insincere worship.

Back to silence. Silence to sit, lie, or stand before God. Silence to collect thoughts, think about our purpose in life, family, and God’s desires for our hearts. Silence to hear the small voice of God. After the prophet Elijah defeated the prophets of the idol Baal, he fled into the wilderness, fearing retribution from King Ahab and his wicked wife, Jezebel. Elijah complained to God, and God told him to stand before Him on the mountain:

And he said, “Go out and stand on the mount before the Lord.” And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. And after the earth-

quake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” (1 Kings 19:11-13)

We expect to hear God in the thunder, strong wind, an earthquake, or fire. Because they are big and God is big. But God speaks to Elijah in a low whisper. God clears the noise and speaks softly to His chosen prophet. Our daily noise isn’t earthquakes, storms, and fire, but in many ways it’s even louder and more constant. We can’t hear God because there is too much noise.

I’m guilty of too much noise. My iPhone is proof. If I look at all the open apps throughout my day, I can see so many distractions. I’m still learning to limit the noise. In my job, I travel to hospitals throughout the Carolinas, Georgia, and Tennessee. I have a lot of daily wheel time. I’ve always got music going through Spotify, Pandora, iHeartRadio, etc. However, I have learned to turn off the noise and hear God in the silence. My weekly small-group leader has been practicing this for years. Cary calls this “windshield time with God.”

Many of my routes are through the mountains and foothills of the Carolinas. I’ve got some special places near Mt. Mitchell, Table Rock, Grandfather, Sugar and the Blue Ridge Mountains. There are certain spots where I pull off during my break time and stand silently before the mountains, streams, or rivers. I stay quiet and listen. No music, highway, job, or traffic noise. Sometimes I will take a picture after listening. I find God in the mountains. These times are always a precious gift.

Where is your mountain? Where do you pull away from the noise and sit silently before the Lord? It can be your basement, garage, bedroom, car, a lake/creek, or the woods. If you don’t have one, I encourage you to explore. If you don’t practice silence, it may be strange at first. But stay with it. Start with just five minutes a day, and do that for two weeks. You will be amazed at how the silence renews your spirit in God’s presence. I’ve found that I now crave this precious time. Often after a time of silence, I find myself wanting to shout and sing to the Lord. My vocal range is awful, but I know God receives it as a fragrant offering.

Silently Waiting,
Monty

Did You Know . . .

In 2025, American climatologist James Hansen and a team of research colleagues declared the goal to keep global temperature rise below 2 degrees Celsius was no longer viable. That goal, part of a pledge negotiated by 196 parties at the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference near Paris, France, aimed to combat climate change by keeping global temperature rise below 2 degrees Celsius above preindustrial levels.

But a team of researchers that in-

cluded Hansen, a professor at Columbia University, insisted that rising global energy use has made the goal impossible to achieve.

Authors behind the study, which was published in the journal *Environment: Science and Policy for Sustainable Development*, also predicted that accelerated global heating will increase ice melting in the Arctic, a development that could make sea level rise of several meters inevitable.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

4-H News

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY • COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

By

ANNETTE BUCKMAN

COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT FOR 4-H

Ready, Set, Go Collect Leaves!

Starting a leaf collection may seem like a fall activity but experienced 4-H members know that summer is actually the best time to begin.

For many youth, collecting leaves is their first 4-H project and an introduction to the exciting world of forestry. It can also serve as a county fair exhibit. Beyond creating a collection, this project teaches youth how to identify tree species while helping them discover the many benefits trees and forests provide to people, wildlife and the environment.

Kentucky is home to more than 100 species of broadleaf trees. These trees lose their leaves each fall and make up approximately 95% of the state’s forests. Conifer, or evergreen, trees account for less than 5% of Kentucky’s forests.

The best time to collect leaves is from early to mid-summer when they are fully mature but have few insect holes, spots or other damage. Waiting until later in the summer may result in leaves with more imperfections.

When collecting leaves, cut a small twig from the end of a branch that contains at least two leaves. Choose the healthiest leaf that best represents the tree, as some leaves may be unusually shaped or damaged.

To preserve your leaves, place them between sheets of newspaper with cardboard on the outside for support. Put a heavy object, such as a stack of books or a brick, on top to keep the leaves flat. Change the newspaper daily for about two weeks to remove moisture and

prevent the leaves from turning dark or molding. With an adult’s help, leaves can also be pressed by placing them between sheets of wax paper and sealing them with a warm iron.

After the leaves have dried, mount them on sturdy 8?-by-11-inch paper or lightweight cardboard using glue. Heavier paper helps keep the leaves flat over time. Most pages should contain one leaf, but trees such as sassafras and mulberry produce more than one leaf shape, so include examples of each.

Label each page in the lower right-hand corner with the following information:

- Common name of the tree
- Scientific name
- Most common use or purpose of the tree
- County where the leaf was collected
- Month and year collected
- Tree habitat

Protect your finished pages by placing them in clear sheet protectors and storing them in a sturdy three-ring binder. This will help preserve your collection for years to come.

The Extension publication FOR-1, Kentucky Tree Identification, includes information on 87 common Kentucky tree species and is an excellent resource

for identifying leaves. Another helpful publication, 4-H Forestry Project: Introducing Yourself to Trees, provides step-by-step instructions for creating a leaf collection and completing other forestry projects.

For more information about starting a leaf collection, 4-H forestry projects, or county fair exhibit requirements, contact the Union County Cooperative Extension Service. We’d love to help you get started exploring Kentucky’s amazing trees!

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Agriculture Notes

Submitted by Katie Hughes

County Agricultural Incentives Program (CAIP): Applications will run from July 20 and due no later than August 17, 2026 to the Union County Conservation District. CAIP provides Kentucky agricultural producers cost-share assistance on practices that increase net farm income and opportunities to try new/innovative technologies or systems that improve farm efficiency and productivity. Eligible Investment Areas are: Agricultural Diversification, AgTech and Leadership Development, Large Animal-Small Animal, Farm Infrastructure, Fencing and On-Farm Water, Forage and Grain Improvement, Innovative Ag. Systems, On-Farm Energy, Poultry and Other Fowl, and Value Added and Marketing. For more information contact Union Co Conservation District 270-389-2393 or the Union Co Extension

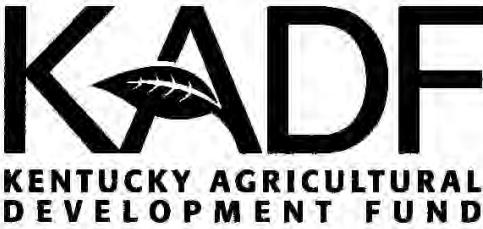
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Master Gardener Program: Are you interested in becoming a master gardener? Contact the Union Co Extension Office to get on the list to get more information. The master gardener program is a 10-week course with 4 hours of educational class each week. After 10 weeks, volunteers will need to give back 40 hours of volunteer gardening hours, or a project provided through the Union County Extension Office. There will be a cost for this program and that will be determined when there is enough interest to start the program. For more information, please contact Katie Hughes at katie.n.hughes@uky.edu or 270-389-1400.

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Application Availability:
Webster County Extension Service
Monday – Friday (8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.)

For More Information:
Contact Extension Service at 270-639-9011 to request applications

All applications are scored, based on the scoring criteria

Fancy Farm Picnic touts year of political spectacle

‘The Kentucky Derby of politics’

BY WILL SPENCER
FOR THE TIMES LEADER
AND HERALD LEDGER

FANCY FARM — The 146th Fancy Farm Picnic is set to deliver another set of officeholders and political candidates jockeying for support from an excitable crowd.

The event originated in the 1800s as a moment of fellowship and fundraising for its sponsor, St. Jerome Catholic Church. As it grew to attract thousands per year, it became widely recognized as the premier political speaking venue in the region.

In 1931, A.B. “Happy” Chandler appeared while campaigning for lieutenant governor and credited his victory to Fancy Farm; he would go on to be elected as the state’s 44th and 49th governor.

Since that milestone, Picnic Political Chairman Steven Elder said Kentucky politicians have considered Fancy Farm a pivotal stop on the campaign trail.

“It’s been almost 100 years for the political aspect of the picnic, so everybody knows it’s the Kentucky Derby of politics,” Elder said. “There’ll be a lot of people traveling across the state and even the country to come see this venue that’s unlike any other across the country.”

Elder said a notable race at the 2026 picnic is for the U.S. Senate, with Democrat Charles Booker and Republican Congressman Andy Barr vying for Republican Mitch McConnell’s seat. He said both will “hopefully bring their supporters and share messages on how they want to serve in the Senate.”

Barr is confirmed to speak at the event, while Booker’s decision is pending.

“All eyes are on the Senate for a lot of different reasons,” Elder said. “With the passing of Sen. [Lindsey] Graham and the hospitalization of Sen. McConnell, people are wondering what the Senate is going to look like. That will create a lot of excitement going into the November election.”

Other confirmed speakers include first district Congressional candidates John Drew Williams (D) and incumbent James Comer (R), State Sen. Jason Howell (R), State Rep. Kim Holway (R), U.S. Sen. Rand Paul



WILL SPENCER
Fancy Farm Picnic Political Chairman Steven Elder is shown.

(R), and Lt. Gov. Jacqueline Coleman (D).

Elder said the picnic committee strives to invite candidates and officeholders across the political spectrum, though the lineup can trend to the right since Kentucky is primarily a Republican state.

Nonetheless, the picnic operates as an impartial forum for politicians of any background to connect with voters.

“Traditionally, we’ve always sent invites to any officeholder within the 1st District. We always invite Democratic nominees for whatever office they’re seeking,” Elder said. “Fancy Farm is a nonpartisan event. We want to continue the spirit of that because there are probably very few places in the world where you can get both opponents on the stage smiling and shaking hands.”

Each speaker is allotted six minutes for stump speeches, which cover their core platform, personal background and vision for the future.

Elder said this classic piece of American political spectacle showcases the politician’s ability to engage and compel an audience. Speakers will often deliver witty remarks — sometimes directed at their opponents — but Elder said the atmosphere remains jovial.

“It’s fun, harmless joking as far as people jabbing at each other,” Elder said. “As a politician, you’ve got to be able to take a punch. Then, the crowd will get involved with different chants, claps, boos and cheers. It’s very intense and fiery, especially in the summer heat.”

Elder said the quaint setup also transports attendees to a time with fewer barriers between politicians and the pop-



AUSTIN ANTHONY | Kentucky Lantern
The Fancy Farm Picnic attracts droves of attendees for the political speaking.



File photo
Crowds at Fancy Farm are known to be energetic.

ulace. In an age where political content is filtered through social and broadcast media, he said these figures can disseminate their messages face-to-face in an amiable manner.

“Things on TV are scripted. They’ve got a suit and tie on. At Fancy Farm, people’s sleeves are rolled up talking with people directly,” Elder said. “It’s said that if you can sustain Fancy Farm, you can hold office. Fancy Farm is very important to the grassroots part of politics, of building support, energizing your supporters and delivering a speech from that stage that is memorable.”

Elder said the picnic’s greatest distinction is its uniquely bipartisan nature, as opposed to the mostly partisan rallies in today’s polarized climate.

“The difference in Fancy Farm is you can have somebody that’s maybe against the person speaking who realizes that they’re getting a different perspective,” Elder said. “Everybody’s going to throw mud throughout the political season, but at least in that moment, at least for a few hours, they can shake hands and be happy for all.”

Elder said the Fancy Farm Picnic ultimately harks back

to a tradition of democratic discourse among people who want the best for the country, even if they disagree on some issues.

“Fancy Farm is a beacon of hope that allows people to come together and be a little more civil when they otherwise wouldn’t,” Elder said. “There’s a lot of policies that you can think are right for the country, but we’re all human beings. A person could be sitting beside me that’s from the opposing party, but I can share a barbecue and drink a Sun Drop with that individual. It’s an opportunity that we have to show the rest of the world how it can be.”

Democrat Adkins officially enters governor’s race

BY MCKENNA HORSLEY
KENTUCKY LANTERN

Rocky Adkins, a former Democratic leader in the Kentucky House and senior advisor to Gov. Andy Beshear from Eastern Kentucky, is officially running for governor.

His campaign issued a press release Tuesday morning and released a video on social media. It opens with boxers fighting in a ring and then moves to Adkins speaking over shots of Kentuckians waking up to go to work and take care of their families.

“We’ve always been fighters,” Adkins says in the video before vowing to be a fighter for the commonwealth.

Beshear, who was



Photo by Arden Barnes for the Kentucky Lantern
Rocky Adkins speaks with Kentucky Secretary of State Michael Adams before the State of the Commonwealth address at the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History in Frankfort on Jan. 7.

elected in 2019 and 2023, is term-limited from run-

ning for governor again. Lt. Gov. Jacqueline Cole-

man, also a Democrat, announced her run

for governor in April. Her campaign recently reported it raised \$303,000.

“The governor of Kentucky is the last line of defense for the people of this commonwealth,” Adkins said in a press release. “That protection is only as strong as the person behind the desk. Right now, Kentucky needs a governor with the experience, backbone and record to take on these fights and win.”

Adkins, 66, an Elliott County native, represented the 99th House District, in Eastern Kentucky from 1987 to 2019. Beshear appointed Adkins as his senior adviser in 2019 after they had faced off in the primary earlier that year.

Adkins has been in the headlines recently after leaving Beshear’s administration and because the governor appointed him to the Kentucky State Fair Board last week, which recently switched the president and CEO after the governor gained control of the board following a recent Kentucky Supreme Court opinion.

Adkins will have an event Tuesday afternoon at The Burl in Lexington to share “my vision for our future and what’s next.”

The primary election will be held in May 2027. Rumored Republican candidates include U.S. Rep. James Comer and Secretary of State Michael Adams.

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\$1,299 per month SINGLE FAMILY 3 BR, 1 Bath, Living Room, Kitchen, Utility Room, Central Heat & Air. Storage Shed. Located in CALVERT CITY. 1 month security deposit. 1 year lease. 270-709-0955

20 by 40 3 room office with bath. 13th and Jefferson st. Paducah Ky. \$1200.00 per month call 270-210-4666

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

Awesome beautiful 2 Large lots! Brand New Home built just across the street. Great area on Barkley Lake. Over 1 acre, year round view of Barkley Lake! 1 mile to BRR Marina! \$64,000.00 MLS # 121914. CALL Jennifer Palmer Realty at 270-519-9000. (tfm)

135 Allegheny Road • Gilbertsville, Kentucky • \$1,399,900 - MLS # 130868. This Incredible Customer Built 2015 property is amazing! Across the road 1,000 yards from KY Dam Village State Park, Dam, Marina, Restaurant/Lodge. 2,000 yards from the Golf course! Less than 2 miles to Aviation

Airfield, & I-24/69. 5 total bedrooms, 4 full baths, 2 half baths, 2 laundry areas & 3 gas log fireplaces! Vaulted & Cathedral ceilings. Detailed woodwork & moldings, polished marble, w/unique characteristics! Expansive Living room open to kitchen/breakfast area. Primary suite offers a custom tiled bath, heated floor & walk-in closet! Covered patio w/ wood burning FP. In-ground pool, privacy fence & gated concrete drive w/ ample parking, 2 1/2 car garage has apartment, extra lot & huge PRIVACY FENCE! CALL Jennifer Palmer Realty at 270-519-9000

27 Paradise Point Road • Gilbertsville, Kentucky • \$369,000 - MLS # 122709. 3 beautiful lots, over 1/2 acre sitting up HIGH on a hill with a SPECTACULAR BREATHTAKING VIEW OF KY LAKE in Cambridge Shores Subdivision! Build your Dream Home! Magnificent Stunning view of KY Lake! Enjoy all the amenities that Cambridge Shores has to offer. This quiet KY Lake neighborhood is the perfect place to call home! CALL Jennifer Palmer Realty at 270-519-9000

718 Marina Village Dr., Grand Rivers, Kentucky • \$610,000 - MLS # 130701. Beautiful Custom Built 3 bed 3 & 1/2 bath 2006, looks like a new Home sitting on 2 private lots in Prestigious Gated Marina Village Subdivision! Hardwood Floors, 9 ft ceilings, many updates, large family room open to Kitchen! 2 Bedrooms on main level & one HUGE bedroom up. All bedrooms have a full bath. Kitchen has custom cabinetry! NEW HEAT/AIR UNITS IN 2023. Upstairs-2019. NEW DECK, 4 car garage heated & cooled, Storm Shelter, ALL FURNITURE, DECOR, TABLEWARE, BEDDING, LIGHTHOUSE PICTURES, Towels STAY PLUS NEW flooring that has not been installed. Take a golf cart ride to

Grand Rivers, World Famous Patties Restaurant, antique shops & more! CALL Jennifer Palmer Realty at 270-519-9000

738 Marina Village Dr., Grand Rivers, Kentucky • \$799,000.00 MLS # 136804. Quality Custom built 3 bedroom 3 full baths, 1/2 bath and 9 ft ceilings throughout. Built in 2006 in Prestigious Gated Marina Village Subdivision! Stunning Great room features wonderful brick fireplace, 25 ft high ceiling with beams, porch with stone gas stove, wood flooring, unique character open to kitchen for perfect entertaining! Large Kitchen plenty of cabinetry, pantry, bar stools & dining area. Primary bedroom suite on main level! Beautiful tray ceilings, walkout deck, bath has huge walk-in shower, walk-in closet, Jacuzzi tub, and double vanity. Half bath & utility room on main level. Guest bedrooms up, full bath, walk-in closet plus massive attic storage. Family room down, full bath, wine cellar, walkout patio, outdoor Kitchen, Pellet grill and BIG GREEN EGG grill built-in. Garage and workshop. APHW home warranty. Everything stays with full price offer!

643 Whitney Dr., Paducah, Kentucky • \$450,000.00 - MLS # 137569. Unique 3 bedroom 3 full bath West End home located in the desirable Pines Subdivision loaded with captivating character! Impressive living room features gas log fireplace, very tall valuted ceiling & large stylish windows for plenty of light. Kitchen has plenty of cabinets, island, breakfast area, and pantry. Excellent primary bedroom with spacious bath, jacuzzi tub, double vanity, walk-in closet, surround sound, balcony overlooking deck & backyard. Ample storage space throughout the home. New refrigerator & microwave in 2026. Massive deck perfect for entertaining!

Beautiful yard, trees and landscaping. Well insulated home so utility bills are low. Convenient to the mall area, I-24 and downtown Paducah. Underground Dog fence. CALL Jennifer Palmer Realty 270-519-9000

2836 James Sanders Blvd., Paducah, KY. MLS #134672. High traffic location, Approximately 3+ acres off exit #4 I-24 on James Sander's BLVD between Texas Road House and Academy Sports. Great location for commercial development. Approximately 450 feet of road frontage, level, with all utilities. \$2,450,000. Carla Bridges @ REMAX at 270-559-8425

6330 Burchell, Paducah, KY. MLS #136950. Premier custom home in one of Paducah's most prestigious neighborhoods, The Grove, privately set on a cul-de-sac. Grand entry, open kitchen with butler's pantry, spacious living room with fireplace, office, craft room, and luxurious primary suite with his and hers baths and sitting area. Enjoy a large, covered porch with outdoor kitchen, screened porch and 3 car garage. Upstairs offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, playroom/bedroom and bonus room. The walkout basement includes 2 bedrooms, full kitchen, family room, patio, storage, mechanical room and concrete safe room. Elevator serves all floors. French country exterior, stone/brick/extensive landscaping and circle drive. \$1,595,000. Contact Carla Bridges @ REMAX at 270-559-8425

500 S 17th • Paducah, KY 42003 Commercial/Industrial - \$1,399,000 MLS Number • 125918 • 18,900 sq. ft. Outstanding professional office building in the heart of Paducah featuring approximately 15,600 sq. ft. of office space with 26 private offices, 4 bullpens, 2 conference rooms, kitchen/breakroom, 2 IT rooms, 3 laboratory rooms, multiple work areas, and storage closets along with 2300 sq. ft. warehouse area. Also has an approximately 1000 sq. ft. detached storage building. Contact Carla Bridges @ REMAX at 270-559-8425

1114 Broadway, Paducah, KY. MLS #132732. Excellent opportunity for a client in need of a nice office building in midtown Paducah, centrally located

in the heart of Paducah's business district with high traffic location. Dual access from Broadway and Kentucky Avenue. Current tenants are expected to move by late fall. \$459,900. Contact Carla Bridges @ REMAX at 270-559-8425

House For Sale Ranch style, 3 bedroom, 2 full baths, Cedar siding. Sits on 6 acres. 116 Darnell Rd. Benton 42025. Call 270-404-6972 for appointment.

100 Acres sold all together. Livingston County, near Elementary school. store, fire department. Can be used for residential or commercial. 10 miles from Ky Lake 270-210-6697 (tfm)

37 Acres, Beautiful Building Site. 5050 Metropolis Lake Rd, W. Paducah. \$10,000 per acre. Call 270-210-4666 tfm

4 Adjacent 1 acres lots in Peninsula Subdivision on Lake of Egypt. Great year round fishing with no carp, barges, or big boats. 50 minutes from Paducah. \$29,995 for all four. Might divide into 2 parcels. Call owner 314-239-6676.

Large Ky Lake lot Mature trees, utilities, restricted to new construction or double wide. \$24,900. 270-970-8000 (tfm)

Beautifully and totally renovated condo in exciting Lower Town, Paducah, KY. Stainless steel and granite kitchen, original wood floors, two master suites with attached baths. Carport with storage. 2/3 -2,140 sq. ft. \$247,500. (972) 816-8766 (tfm)

401 E 12th St., Benton Charming and spacious 2,240 sq. ft. home. Immaculate property centrally located in Benton on a well landscaped corner lot. 3 Bedroom / 2 Bath. Expansive basement includes interior and exterior entrances. Workshop with additional outbuilding with concrete flooring for mower

etc. \$269,900 Call Carla Bridges REMAX Realty Group at 270-559-8425

1.6 acres with hookups septic and well. 2357 State Rt 384 Mayfield Ky. \$20k FIRM 270-564-6774(TFN)

5.75 Acres, Paradise Haven. I-77 & Hwy 52. Bland County Va. Hunting and surveyed, septic tank and well permits. Wooded and cleared building sies with roads. Taxes under \$200.00 per year. \$69,000.00 Ph. 270-226-2908 (tfm)

REAL ESTATE FOR RENT

For rent pasture grazing for cattle in McCracken County, available now. 270-519-3567

CAMPERS FOR SALE

2021 JAYCO JayFlight SLX, 195 RB Travel Trailer (21-foot) Never been lived in. Bath tub - Shower combo. Closet, Queen size bed, Refrigerator, Microwave, 2-Burner Stove, Electric Awning, Radio & TV Hookup, Fold-Out stairs, Storage, 2-Water Tanks. KEVIN AREA. Asking \$18,000 Call 270-349-4962

For sale Pop camper 2001 Coleman Grand Tour Utah; \$3,000. 270-519-7849 TFN

BOATS FOR SALE

REDUCED 2008 20 ft. Crestliner 1950 SF series, easy load trailer, 175 HP Mercury motor, canopy, travel cover, 2 fish finders, radio FM/AM, much more, garage stored, valued at \$15K, sell for \$12,000. 270-665-0010 / leave a message.

14' Polar Craft Boat, Like new motor, electric start, trailer 1 fuel can, Minkota trolling motor, canopy, fish finder, battery. Benton Ky \$5,500.00. OBO 815-236-9455 (TFN)

AUTOS FOR SALE

For Sale. 2009 Mercury Milan 82000 miles.

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