

Huntington bakery named top cake shop in U.S.

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HUNTINGTON A bakery in the Tri-State has been named the top bakery in the country in a poll by USA Today.

Nomada Bakery, at 210 11th St. in Heritage Station, was named No. 1 Best Cake Shop in the United States by the USA Today 10 Best Readers' Choice Awards.

"This is an extraordinary honor," said Ariel Barcenas, co-owner and chief creative officer. "We bake everything from scratch — no mixes, no preservatives — just

thoughtful flavor and attention to detail. To be voted the best cake shop in America by thousands of people is humbling and deeply emotional. I'm especially proud of our staff — this award belongs to them, too. Their consistency, care and passion are at the core of everything we do."

The annual awards program highlights the best in food, travel and hospitality in the country, with winners chosen by public vote.

Nomada is known for its bold, layered cakes and seasonal creativity. Large cakes

include fan favorites like rich chocolate with chocolate buttercream, bright lemon-blueberry, mixed-berry, and the alfacake, which is based on a Southern cookie. The bakery also offers its signature baby cakes — personal-sized versions of its large cakes — and a selection of cupcakes topped with house-made buttercreams. The bakery also offers vegan and gluten-free items and a rotating menu of empanadas, soups, sandwiches, croissants, pastries and locally roasted coffee.

"Our team shows up every day with joy and

SUBMITTED PHOTO
Cupcakes cover a variety of flavors.

intention," co-owner Dr. Shawn Schulenberg said. "This award validates not just our recipes, but the hard work of everyone behind the counter, in the kitchen, and supporting the dream."

Customers can browse and order cakes online at store.nomadabakery.com or submit special requests at nomadabakery.com.

Nomada Bakery is open daily from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Special gallery event tonight GRAYSON

Special Olympics and Arts for All Kentucky art awards will be presented at an event beginning at 5:30 p.m. today at the Grayson Gallery and Art Center.

The event celebrates winning works by the Carter County Special Olympics ART participants.

Light refreshments will be served and live music is planned.

The gallery is at 301 East Third St.

Lineman orientation June 30

ASHLAND

Ashland Community and Technical College will host an orientation for its lineman program on June 30.

The orientation will begin at 6 p.m. at ACTC's Technology Drive Campus in the Rocky Adkins Pavilion. Attendees will receive program information, meet faculty and staff and have the opportunity to apply if they have not already done so.

The hands-on program prepares students for careers in the utility industry, with a focus on working on utility poles and electrical lines.

Classes will begin Aug. 19. Throughout the program, students can earn certifications including flagger training, CPR, and first aid.

Students also will obtain their Class A commercial driver's license, an essential qualification for operating the specialized vehicles used in linework.

Prospective students must be at least 18 years of age and must have a high school diploma or GED.

For more information, contact Kevin Harrison at as_Workforce@kctcs.edu or call (606) 326-2260.

Auditions upcoming for 2 shows at Alchemy Theater

HUNTINGTON

Alchemy Theater will have auditions for two upcoming shows.

- Auditions for the male part in "Six Dance Lessons in Six Weeks" will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Geneva Kent Center.

Performances will be Aug. 22 through 24.

- "Schoolhouse Rock Live!" will be presented Sept. 19 through 28 by Apprentice Theater. Auditions will be 6 p.m. July 23 for grades two through five and 7 p.m. for grades 6 to 12. Those auditioning are asked to be prepared to sing 30 seconds of a fun song and to dance.

The theater is at Geneva Kent Center for the Arts, 68 Holley Ave.

Staff reports

NEKY Chamber names Pierce COO

STAFF REPORT

ASHLAND The Northeast Kentucky Chamber of Commerce announced Sydni Pierce as its chief operating officer.

Pierce is an Ashland native "dedicated to driving the growth of her community," according to a Northeast Kentucky Chamber of Commerce press release.

Pierce recently worked at

WSAZ, where she partnered with business owners to design and execute strategic marketing campaigns, according to the chamber. She also has job experience at Pollock's Jewelers, where she "revitalized marketing efforts that

strengthened connections with



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generations of loyal customers," according to the chamber.

Pierce is a graduate of Marshall University and an alumna of Sigma Sigma Sigma.

Pierce is married with four cats and a dog.

"She's honored to serve alongside such passionate leaders and looks forward to furthering the chamber's momentum together," the Northeast Kentucky Chamber of Commerce wrote.

Is it time to see an audiologist? Know the signs

LEXINGTON

When you think about getting your health checked, you probably think of visiting a primary care doctor or dentist. But have you ever thought about your hearing? If you've noticed changes in how you hear or experience things like ringing in your ears or dizziness, it may be time to visit an audiologist.

What is an audiologist? An audiologist is a licensed healthcare professional who specializes in evaluating, diagnosing and managing hearing and balance disorders.

Audiologists work with patients of all ages, from newborns to older adults, and play an essential role in helping people stay connected to their world through better hearing and communication.

Audiologists can:

- Complete comprehensive hearing tests to assess the type and degree of hearing loss
- Recommend appropriate intervention options such as hearing aids, cochlear implants, and/or assistive listen-

ing devices

- Complete advanced testing to assess and manage balance disorders related to the inner ear
- Fit and manage hearing aids, cochlear implants, and assistive listening devices



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buzzing in the ears)

- Offer counseling and education for patients and families
- Provide hearing protection and preventative care for those at risk of noise-induced hearing loss

How do I know if I need to see an audiologist?
Hearing loss is often gradual and many people may not notice the signs right away. Here are some common symptoms that may indicate it is time to schedule an evaluation with an audiologist:

- You frequently ask people to repeat themselves
- Conversations are hard to follow, especially

in noisy environments

- You think others are mumbling or speaking too softly
- You need to turn up the volume on the TV or radio
- You hear a ringing or buzzing sound (tinnitus) that nobody else hears
- You feel off balance or dizzy, especially when standing or walking
- You avoid social situations because it's hard to hear or keep up

Even children can benefit from audiologic care. If your child isn't meeting speech and language milestones, doesn't respond to their name, or has frequent ear infections, an audiologist can help determine if hearing is part of the issue.

Why hearing health mattersHearing is critical to communication, relationships, learning, and safety. Untreated hearing loss has been linked to social isolation, depression, and even cognitive decline in older adults. The good news is that early intervention can improve quality of life and overall well-being.

What to expect at an audiology appointmentA typical visit with an

audiologist includes a detailed conversation about your hearing history, symptoms, and lifestyle needs. You'll undergo a comprehensive audiologic evaluation (hearing test) in a sound-treated booth to determine your hearing sensitivity.

Based on the results, the audiologist will discuss management options — whether that's hearing aids, a cochlear implant evaluation, medical referral, communication strategies, or simple hearing protection tips.

Take the first step:

If you suspect you're experiencing hearing or balance issues or simply want to take a proactive approach to your health, an audiologist can provide the answers and support you need. Just like eye exams and dental visits, hearing check-ups should be part of your routine health care, especially as individuals age or have been regularly exposed to loud environments.

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Sealed bids will be received by the City of Catlettsburg, Kentucky on the following item(s):

Replacement of Bituminous Asphalt Material

Specifications and bid instructions may be obtained by contacting Mayor Faith Day at info@catlettsburg.us or telephone 606-739-4533.

Bids will be received by the City Clerk at 2611 Louisa Street, Catlettsburg, Kentucky on June 30, 2025 until 12:00pm. All bids will be opened and read publicly at 12:00pm on June 30, 2025.

The City of Catlettsburg, through its Mayor, reserves the right to accept all or to reject all or any part of the bid should it be deemed to be in the best interest of the City of Catlettsburg.

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