

Blood donors have chance to win prize

BY LEE WARD
THE DAILY INDEPENDENT

ASHLAND Opportunities to donate blood are aplenty this summer, according to the Kentucky Blood Center.

The organization's Summer of Saving offers a chance to win free Texas Roadhouse for a year by donating.

One donor who gives between July 1 and 31 will win 52 \$40 Texas Roadhouse gift cards. Donors will be entered into the giveaway; rules and conditions can be found at kybloodcenter.org/events/summer-of-saving-win-free-texas-roadhouse-for-a-year.

All donors will receive a free appetizer coupon from Texas Roadhouse and a "Stay Peachy" T-shirt from KBC.

The donation center will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 10 at Kentucky Farmers Bank, Summit branch, second floor conference room, 6313 U.S. 60, Ashland. Sixteen-year-old donors must have a signed parental permission slip, which can be found at kybloodcenter.org.

The American Red Cross will offer the following blood drives:

Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. — Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce, 216 Collins Ave., South Point.

Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. — Central Fire Station, 1021 Carter Ave., Ashland.

July 8, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. — Bellefonte Pavilion, 2000 Ashland Drive, Ashland.

July 9, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. — King's Daughters Medical Center Health Education Center, 2201 Lexington Ave., Ashland.

July 17, noon to 5 p.m. — American Red Cross Boyd County Chapter House, 4201 Blackburn Ave., Ashland.

July 18, noon to 5 p.m. — West Ironton Church of the Nazarene, 317 Elm St., Ironton.

July 22, noon to 5 p.m. — Sandy's Racing and Gaming, 10775 U.S. 60, Ashland.

July 23, noon to 5:30 p.m. — Briggs Lawrence County Public Library, 321 S. Fourth St., Ironton.

KBC needs loyal lifesavers to step up during the summer months when donations decrease as the need often increases. As a thank you for helping the local blood supply, KBC is offering cash-saving incentives throughout the summer.

Blood donors must be at least 17 years old (or 16 with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds, be in good general health, show a photo I.D. and meet additional requirements.

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Warning: Medicare advice from friends can be costly!

Hi Toni:

I met with you in late 2024 for a Toni Says personalized Medicare consultation. I have a quick question regarding travel outside the United States because I'm planning a trip to Greece in a few months.

A friend recently gave me Medicare advice that now has me very confused. She told me that some Medicare Plans, such as Plan F, give foreign travel medical coverage, but others such as Plan G, which I have chosen, do not. Is that true?

Do you have any recommendations about how I can get reasonable medical coverage for my trip? Thanks, Toni.

— Lee Anne from Dallas

Lee Anne:

Your friend is dead wrong and what she told you is not accurate.

Medicare Supplement (Medigap) plans F and G (as well as C, D, M and N) cover the same limited amount of emergency foreign travel, an added perk that Medicare does not cover. This foreign travel coverage pays for emergency care if it begins during the first 60 days of your trip. It has a \$250 deductible, and thereafter the Medicare Supplement plan only pays 80%, up to a lifetime maximum benefit of \$50,000. You pay 20% and any amounts over the \$50,000 lifetime maximum.

Who knows what an air ambulance from Greece will cost? My recommendation to you, Lee Anne, is to talk with your travel or insurance agent or explore online for true travelers' insurance that will take care of your medical needs in all countries all over the world. Not all travel insurance plans include medical coverage, so it's important to read the plan's conditions and restrictions.

Remember that Original Medicare and Medicare Advantage plans only take care of medical and prescription drug expenses in the United States. So be sure you bring enough of your prescription medication while you are overseas, or you will have to pay out-of-pocket.

Lee Anne, your Plan-F-recommending friend is apparently unaware that the plan is no longer even available for those enrolling in Medicare Part A after January 1, 2020. (Chapter 3 of my book "Medicare Survival Guide Advanced" edition discusses the rules of enrolling in Medicare Supplements.) For those who are currently enrolled in a Medicare Supplement Plan F, their Plan F will be grandfathered. Although "grandfathered" means that they may keep the plan, no one really knows what the future rate increases will be like.

Here is a surprise for your friend: Medicare Supplement Plan G has taken Medicare Plan F's place. Another plan, called Medicare Plan N, will be the lower-premium plan with higher out-of-pocket costs.

Here are the main differences between Medicare Supplement Plan G and Plan N:

- Plan G offers lower rates and the same Medicare benefits as Plan F except the Medicare Part B deductible is not covered and will be paid for by the enrolled Medicare beneficiary (you) out-of-pocket. The Part B deductible for 2025 is \$257.
- Plan N, generally, has lower premiums than Plan G with higher out-of-pocket costs. There is a \$20 co-pay for a doctor's visit and \$50 co-pay for the emergency room. Part B

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Willard celebration honors, offers assistance for veterans

BY MATT JONES
THE DAILY INDEPENDENT

WILLARD The skies over Willard will be filled with fireworks to celebrate America as the American Legion 342 hosts its seventh Willard Independence Celebration Saturday.

"Our show puts up a run against some of these big cities," Richard Dallaire, commander with the legion, said. "We light up the sky."

The event kicks off at 5 p.m. and will have food trucks and bouncy houses, Dallaire said.

Live music will continue throughout the night. A flag retirement ceremony will start at 8 p.m. and the fireworks will be let off at dark.

But Dallaire said the most important part of the evening is the services the event provides to local veterans.

"Honoring the service of those who have fought and died for this country was why we started (the event)," Dallaire said.

The event will have members from the Veterans Administration and the Kentucky Veterans Administration on site to help veterans fill out claims and explain benefits available to them.

"They fought for these benefits," Dallaire added.

In addition, Pathways will be there to explain services they have.

For more information, visit American Legion Family Willard Post 342 on Facebook.

ACTC's Workforce Solutions Expo unites talent, training and opportunity

STAFF REPORT

ASHLAND Ashland Community and Technical College successfully hosted its Workforce Solutions Expo on Monday at the Roberts Drive Campus, bringing together job seekers, employers and community resource providers for a powerful day of networking, discovery and opportunity.

The event provided attendees with firsthand access to a wide array of workforce and career development resources.

ACTC's Workforce Solutions team was on hand to share information about short-term programs, custom training opportunities for employers and services available through the college's Assessment Center.

The Expo also welcomed a strong lineup of community partners, including: Today's Youth, Northeast Kentucky Career Center, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, ACTC Career Services,

Kentucky Career Center and Pathways.

"These events are about more than just jobs — they're about creating connections that help our entire region thrive," Robin Harris, ACTC's executive director of Workforce Solutions, said. "We're proud to serve as a hub for workforce growth and to support everyone from first-time job seekers to seasoned employers."

From one-on-one conversations with organizations to insight on training programs and career pathways, the Expo empowered participants to explore what's next in their professional journey.

ACTC remains committed to supporting workforce development in eastern Kentucky through innovative programming, strategic partnerships, and responsive training solutions.

For more information about ACTC Workforce Solutions, email as_workforce@kctcs.edu.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

Amendment to the bid solicitation for the City of Ashland, Kentucky published on June 16, 2025:

To furnish all labor, equipment, and materials for the purchase and installation of a kitchen exhaust hood with perforated make-up air plenum and fire suppression system at M&J Café, 1212 Bath Avenue, Suite 102, Ashland, KY 41101.

Bids will be received until 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 10, 2025 in the City Clerk's Office on the fourth floor of the Ashland City Building, 1700 Greenup Avenue, Room 403, Ashland, KY 41101. Bids will be opened and read publicly at 3:15 p.m. on Thursday, July 10, 2025 in the Commissioners' Chambers on the third floor of the Ashland City Building, 1700 Greenup Avenue, Room 308, Ashland, KY 41101.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

BOYD CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 23-CI-00827

MID SOUTH CAPITAL PARTNERS, LP

PLAINTIFF,

vs.

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JADE T. CONN;
UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF JADE T. CONN;
MISTY M. CONN;
UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF MISTY M. CONN;
CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK SUCCESSOR IN
INTEREST TO HERITAGE BANK OF ASHLAND;
BOYD COUNTY FISCAL COURT;
ASSET ACCEPTANCE, LLC;
COUNTY OF BOYD, KENTUCKY,

DEFENDANTS.

Pursuant to Judgment and Order of Sale entered on June 13, 2025, I shall sell the property described herein below at public auction in the lobby inside the front door of the old Boyd County Courthouse, Catlettsburg, Kentucky, on **Friday, July 18, 2025, at 11:10 a.m.**, to highest bidder on the following terms:

Full purchase price will be due at time of sale, payable by personal, business or official check. We do not accept cash. **IF the Master Commissioner has pre-approved the surety and collateral for a bidder's bond**, a down payment of ten-percent (10%) of the purchase price will be due at time of sale, and the unpaid balance with interest at the rate of **12% per annum** will be due within thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

Address of Property:40x102 Prichard Hollow Vacant Lot on New Buckley Road WW, Ashland

(For Legal Description, see LSOT: Deed Book 647, Page 282, Boyd County Clerk's Office)

Map/Parcel ID Number: 023-08-00-048.00

NOTE - Only delinquent ad valorem taxes shall be paid from the sale proceeds. The Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of the taxes for the current year and thereafter.

/s/ Kenneth Williams, Jr.
KENNETH WILLIAMS, JR.
BOYD CIRCUIT COURT
MASTER COMMISSIONER

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BOYD CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 24-CI-00546

KENTUCKY FARMERS BANK,

PLAINTIFF,

vs.

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SEAN K. BRADBURN;
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SEAN BRADBURN;
JEROME BRADBURN, III;
CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY;
COUNTY OF BOYD, KENTUCKY,

DEFENDANTS.

Pursuant to Judgement Order of Sale entered on May 5, 2025, I shall sell the property described herein below at public auction in the lobby inside the front door of the old Boyd County Courthouse, Catlettsburg, Kentucky, on **Friday, July 18, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.**, to highest bidder on the following terms:

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Address/Short Description of Property: 3230 Holt Street, Ashland (For Legal Description, see LSOT: Deed Book 795, Page 353, Boyd County Clerk's Office)

Map/Parcel ID Number:038-16-03-002.00

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