

‘Ag Tag’ donations set another record by farmers

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Kentucky farmers donated a record-breaking \$995,440.74 to the Ag Tag Program for 2025, the largest amount ever donated in a single year. Ag Commissioner Jonathan Shell presented representatives from Kentucky 4-H (top) and Kentucky FFA (bottom) checks for \$331,813.58 for each of their programs from the Ag Tag Funds. (Kentucky Department of Agriculture)

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Aug. 18, 2025) – Kentucky farmers donated nearly a million dol-

lars for the Ag Tag Program in 2025. The total, \$995,440.74, is the largest amount ever donated in a single year, topping last year’s total by more than \$60,000, Commissioner of Agriculture Jonathan Shell announced.

“For that last three years the Ag Tag Program has seen new record-breaking amounts every year,” Commissioner Shell said. “This couldn’t be possible without the wonderful support from our Kentucky farmers. They see value in supporting the next generation of farmers through their donations to the Ag Tag fund. It’s that generosity that will help ensure Kentucky agriculture has a bright future.”

The voluntary donations are divided equally among Kentucky 4-H, Kentucky



FFA, and the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA). This year, each group will receive \$331,813.58. Since 2016, Kentucky FFA and Kentucky 4-H have received, collectively, more than \$4 million from donations made by ag producers renewing their vehicles each year.

Half of the 4-H and FFA donations are returned to local councils and chapters, meaning leaders in the donating community can use those funds to cover the cost of 4-H and FFA camp and other leadership programs for youth.

County 4-H coun-

cils regularly use Ag Tag dollars to provide 4-H camp scholarships and travel for life-changing, educational experiences to enable local 4-H youth to grow as leaders and engaged citizens. FFA chapters were free to use the money to meet the greatest needs in their community, such as FFA jackets for students in need or helping cover travel costs to leadership events.

The KDA uses its share of the Ag Tag funds for various programs such as the Ag Athlete of the Year awards, the Kentucky Leopold Conservation Award, Kentucky

Women in Agriculture, and the University of Kentucky Grain and Forage Center of Excellence.

“Kentucky FFA celebrates the continued success of the Ag Tag Program,” said Sheldon McKinney, executive director of the Kentucky FFA Foundation. “As donations grow, the opportunities we can provide our members in FFA chapters across Kentucky grow. We have a record-breaking number of Kentucky FFA members, young people who are desiring a career in agriculture. It’s so special that they’ve found champions in Kentucky farmers supporting the Ag Tag program.”

“We are so grateful for the Ag Tag Program and the opportunities 4-H youth are being exposed to through these funds gaining new ex-

periences, leadership training, and personal development, positively impacting their confidence, skills and long-term success,” said Melissa Miller, executive director of the Kentucky 4-H Foundation. “Looking ahead, I hope to see continued growth in the Ag Tag Program. The funds raised are not just donations – they are investments in Kentucky 4-H’s future. The program is helping youth build skills, gain leadership experience and thrive in their communities.”

Kentucky motorists who buy or renew farm vehicle license plates, or “ag tags,” may make a voluntary donation of up to \$10 to the Ag Tag Fund. Half of the 4-H and FFA funds go back to the county where the tag is purchased, where both organizations use the funds to support local programming, awards, and scholarships.

Lindsey Wilson University fall theatre to feature a musical of a children’s classic, a thriller and a Christmas show

Two classics of the stage and a holiday treat make up this fall’s Lindsey Wilson University Theatre Department’s productions.

Lindsey Wilson will present the light-hearted Anne of Green Gables: The Musical, the suspenseful Wait Until Dark and A Holiday Cabaret. All three productions will be presented in the university’s V.P. Henry Auditorium. “This fall will offer theatre audiences a diverse selection of productions -- something that will help them relax, something that

will keep them on the edge of their seats, and something that will help them get into the Christmas spirit,” said Lindsey Wilson theatre professor Robert Brock.

By coincidence, Canada figures prominently into the fall’s first two productions.

Anne of Green Gables: The Musical is an adaptation of Lucy Maud Montgomery’s classic 1908 children’s novel, Anne of Green Gables. Set in the late-1800’s in a fictional town in Prince Edward Island, Canada, it is the story of 11-year-

old orphan Anne Shirley who is mistakenly sent to help on a farm. Anne of Green Gables: The Musical -- which is Canada’s longest-running musical -- was first produced in 1965.

It will be performed Nov. 3-7 for area schoolchildren and Nov. 6-7 for the public.

A year after Anne of Green Gables: The Musical made its stage debut, Frederick Knott’s thriller Wait Until Dark premiered on Broadway. A film version was released in 1967. Wait Until Dark is the story of a blind house-

wife who is targeted by three con men searching for drugs hidden in a doll that her husband unintentionally brought into the United States from Canada.

“It’s one of the best thrillers,” said Brock. “It’s a very tense play, and it’s one I’ve wanted to do for a while.”

Wait Until Dark will be performed Nov. 19-21 and 23.

The fall season will conclude with A Holiday Cabaret, which will be presented Dec. 4-5 and 7.

“It will be presented in the tradition of the classic Christmas specials from television’s golden age,” said Brock. “There will be a lot of singing, because this community has a lot of good voices.”

In addition to Lind-

sey Wilson students, Brock hopes that university’s faculty and staff, as well as community members, will audition to be in A Holiday Cabaret.

For more information about Lindsey Wilson University’s 2025 fall theatre season, contact the LWU Theatre Department at theatre@lindsey.edu or 270-384-8044.

Arrest

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The Kentucky Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force is comprised of more than twenty-six local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. The mission of the ICAC Task Force, created by the United States Department of Justice and administrated by the

Kentucky State Police, is to assist state and local law enforcement agencies in developing a response to cyber enticement and child sexual abuse material investigations. This support encompasses forensic and investigative components, training and technical assistance, victim services, prevention and

community education. The ICAC program was developed in response to the increasing number of children and teenagers using the internet, the proliferation of child sexual abuse material, and the heightened online activity of predators searching for unsupervised contact with underage victims.

Bike

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Henline said, “I became aware of the Combat Hero Bike Build (CHBB) program through my friends in the Colorado American Legion Riders group. I applied for a bike in 2019. My wife, Jamie helped the builder design the bike based on my war experiences.”

The CHBB program not only gifts customized motorcycles to our American heroes, but will also create events for these heroes to participate in on the routes, to help build new friends and be a great support organization for everyone involved.

It is a program designed by warriors, for warriors, to give our wounded heroes the freedoms they once enjoyed. The program pairs wounded or in-

jured veterans with top-tier custom builders.

The Combat Hero Bike Build organization, headquartered in The Villages, Florida, has been of great benefit to those who receive its services.

“It has helped me unite with other wounded military service members with the same experiences. Once the recipient receives the bike, the organization stays in touch,” Henline said. “It is a family.”

The goal of the CHBB is to enhance the motorcycle experiences for our heroes and supporters by establishing “American Hero Bike Build Honor Rides”.

The purpose of the rides is to raise awareness of the sacrifices made by our military and first responders,

foster a supportive “family” culture through camaraderie, fun, and community-building, provide opportunities for injured heroes to connect with others facing similar challenges, and facilitate building and maintaining a supportive group that everyone can look forward to year after year with the goal of building community support along the routes.

Information provided in this article or additional information may be obtained at the organization’s website, combatherobikebuild.org. A combat physically challenged military veteran or first responder also may apply for a customized bike at this website.

The Green County resident is also a comedian and a motivational speaker.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Financial Records

Green County Ambulance Service Taxing District

P.O. Box 245 – mailing address

55 Dakota Meyer Drive – physical address

Greensburg, KY 42743

Pursuant to KRS Chapter 65A.080(2), the financial records of Green County Ambulance Service Taxing District are available for public inspection. Financial records may be reviewed Monday - Friday between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM central time. Additional disclosures regarding the ambulance service's operation as a Special Purpose Governmental Entity (SPGE) may be found on the Kentucky Department for Local Government (DLG) website at www.kydlgweb.ky.gov. For questions, call 270-932-7414.


SUMMARY OF PER DIEM POLICY ORDINANCE NO. 2025-0827

AN ORDINANCE RELATED TO PER DIEM POLICY

Narrative Summary of the Ordinance:

This policy establishes guidelines for per diem allowances for City of Greensburg employees traveling for official business or training to ensure reasonable and consistent reimbursement for meals and incidental expenses while avoiding financial hardship.

A copy of the adopted ordinance with full text is available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk during normal business hours. The Ordinance, in its entirety shall be filed herewith in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Greensburg, being marked and designated as Ordinance No. 2025-0827.



AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVYING AND COLLECTION OF AN AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE CITY OF GREENSBURG, KENTUCKY FOR THE YEAR OF 2025

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-0825

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBURG, KENTUCKY:

Section I: The ad valorem tax of (.238) on each assessed value of property is hereby levied on all lands, improvements and personal property, tangible and intangible, held or owned by any person, firm, company, corporation or association in his, hers, theirs, or its name, or as fiduciary or agent and subject to taxation under the laws of the State of Kentucky, including all property and franchises heretofore and hereinafter assessed by the Green County Property Valuation Administrator, State Tax commission and the State Board of Valuation and Assessment. A franchise tax at the rate of (\$.25) per \$100.00 on all bank deposits as defined in KRS Chapter 136 shall be assessed. As allowable by statutes, the ad valorem tax on motor vehicles shall be the same at which was levied January 1, 1983, (\$.270) per \$100.00 of assessed value, this is to be paid through the office of the appropriate County Clerk at the time of the vehicle registration and distributed to the City of Greensburg.

Section II: All of such taxes above, with the exception of motor vehicle taxes, shall be paid to the City Clerk/Treasurer and shall be due and collectible on receipt. All taxes paid on or before October 31st, 2025, are entitled to a 2% discount; all tax bills paid between November 1 and December 31st, 2025 are due as billed; all tax bills not paid by January 1, 2026 shall be deemed delinquent and in addition to the amount of taxes due, a penalty of 5% shall be paid; delinquent tax bills paid after February 1, 2026 shall have a 10% penalty added; after March 1, 2026 interest will accrue at 1% per month 12% annual. All penalties shall be collected in the same manner as the taxes due.

Section III: The City Clerk/Treasurer is hereby authorized to collect said taxes and penalties and to allow proper discount.

Section IV: This ad valorem tax is levied for the purpose of paying officers and employees of the City of Greensburg, expenses to the fire and police departments, utilities, street and city property maintenance and improvements, construction, as well as the other current expense of the city; and shall be paid into the General Fund for the purpose of paying all legal claims against the City.

Section V: The Green County assessment of property situated within the City of Greensburg is hereby adopted as the city assessment for the City ad valorem taxes for the year 2025.

Section VI: Any unpaid tax as herein provided for shall remain a lien against the property in favor of the City of Greensburg until paid. The City of Greensburg proposes a tax rate of .238 with anticipated revenue of \$251,533.91.

Section VII: This Proposed Ordinance becomes effective upon adoption and publication according to law.

Enacted this 25th day of August, 2025.

A COMPLETE COPY OF THE 2025 PROPERTY TAX ORDINANCE No. 2025-0825 IS AVAILABLE AT CITY HALL FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION.

John M. Shuffett

John M Shuffett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kimberly Darnell

Kimberly Darnell, City Clerk/Treasurer

First Reading: July 28, 2025

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