

Guthrie announces 2025 Congressional Art Competition

Congressman Brett Guthrie (R, KY-02) has announced the start of the 2025 Congressional Art Competition for Kentucky's Second District.

"I'm encouraging all high school students, who enjoy creating art, to participate in the 2025 Congressional Art Competition. Each year I enjoy hosting this competition, and I'm always impressed with the artistic talent of students across Ken-

tucky's Second District. Thank you to all of our local educators and judges for helping make this year's Congressional Art Competition possible," said Guthrie.

Each spring, participating members of Congress host the Congressional Art Competition in their respective districts. The artwork of students from Kentucky's Second District are judged by an independent and local panel of art professors from

colleges and universities. The overall winner's artwork from Kentucky's Second District and other districts and territories will be featured in the U.S. Capitol Building. The second and third place overall winners' artwork will be displayed in Guthrie's Bowling Green District office.

The Congressional Art Competition for Kentucky's Second District also includes a "Facebook Favorite" competition. All

students' submitted artwork who abide by the rules and regulations will be posted to Guthrie's official Facebook page for the public to vote on between April 14-18 for their favorite artwork. The "Facebook Favorite" winner's artwork will be displayed in Guthrie's Bowling Green District office as well.

The winners of the Congressional Art Competition will be announced at the reception hosted by

the Congressman in April. Reception details will be provided at a later date.

Students have three options to submit artwork to Guthrie's Bowling Green District office by the deadline of April 9. Artwork can be shipped to or dropped off at Guthrie's District office at:

Congressman Brett Guthrie
Attention: 2025 Art Competition
996 Wilkinson Trace,

Suite B2
Bowling Green, KY 42103

Students can also call Guthrie's District office at 270-842-9896 to make arrangements for a member of Guthrie's staff to pick up artwork at the students' schools.

Please contact Guthrie's Bowling Green District Office at 270-842-9896 with any questions.

The Stephen Foster Story to host auditions for 2025 performances

The Stephen Foster Drama Association has announced that in-person auditions for 2025 performances of *The Stephen Foster Story* and *The Sound of Music* are scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 22 at Nelson County High School, located at 1070 Bloomfield Rd. in Bardstown.

"Audition season is always an exciting time as we discover the talented individuals who bring our productions to life," said Johnny Warren, Executive Artistic Director for the Stephen Foster Drama Association. "We look forward to welcoming both new faces and returning performers to the stage for what promises to be an incredible 2025 season."

Interested participants must reserve a time to audition by emailing stephenfosterstoryauditions@gmail.com with the subject line "LOCAL AUDITION TIME." Time slots will be assigned on a first come, first-served basis. Following the audition, some participants may be asked to submit additional material via video or asked to attend callbacks at a later date.

For college students and adults, audition time blocks are set for 10 and 11:30 a.m., while the audition time block for high school students and youth performers is 1 p.m. Youth wishing to audition for *The Sound of Music* at the local audition are asked to prepare material listed at stephenfoster.com/auditions.

The Stephen Foster Story has been delighting audiences at the J. Dan Talbott Amphitheatre since 1959. The show is set in the

mid-19th century and follows America's first great composer, Stephen Collins Foster, as he paves the road for future songwriters through love, heartache and the struggles of the time. Featuring over 50 of Foster's greatest compositions such as "Oh! Susanna," "Camptown Races," "Beautiful Dreamer," "Hard Times (Come Again No More)," and Kentucky's state song, "My Old Kentucky Home," *The Stephen Foster Story* captures the essence of a bygone era through song, dance, breathtaking costumes and the picture-perfect setting of My Old Kentucky Home State Park. Performances are set to take place select nights from June 14 through Aug. 9.

The Sound of Music is a Broadway musical about Maria, a spirited governess who brings joy, music and love back to the von Trapp family. Featuring beloved songs like "Do-Re-Mi," "My Favorite Things," "Edelweiss" and "Climb Ev'ry Mountain," this classic musical celebrates the power of music and the triumph of the human spirit.

Performances of *The Sound of Music* are set for select nights from July 9 through Aug. 6.

Show rehearsals are set to begin on or around May 28.

Virtual auditions can also be submitted for principal roles and ensemble dancers. For more information on the auditioning process, including audition requirements and virtual audition submissions, visit www.stephenfoster.com/auditions.

Kentucky colleges issued more degrees, credentials last year

Total degrees and credentials awarded by Kentucky public and private institutions in 2023-24 increased 6.4% over the previous year, driven by substantial increases in undergraduate certificates and graduate degrees, up 9.9 and 9.4 percent, respectively.

The report, prepared for the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) Board, included data on degrees and credentials awarded to students underrepresented in postsecondary education, calling attention to efforts to close achievement gaps between select student populations. Undergraduate degrees and credentials awarded to low-income students rose 4.1 percent, while undergraduate awards to minority students saw a 7.9% gain.

"Across the board, Kentucky is seeing strong improvement in degree and credential production, a reflection of higher education's efforts to bolster completion through enhanced student supports and other initiatives," said CPE President Aaron Thompson. "Bachelor's degree production is the only area that didn't see a substantial increase, rising 0.7 percent."

Additionally, the CPE Board approved the following items:

- A new master's degree in applied behavior analysis at Murray State University.
 - Two new doctoral degrees, one in biomedical informatics and data science at the University of Kentucky and one in translational bioengineering at the University of Louisville.
 - An interim capital project at Kentucky State University to renovate the Betty White Health Center.
 - CPE's annual financial audit for year ended June 30, 2024, for which there were no findings.
 - The re-election of Madison Silvert as CPE chair and Elaine Walker as vice chair.
 - The extension of CPE President Aaron Thompson's employment contract to the year 2030.
- The Council Board also heard highlights of a report prepared by the University of Kentucky's Center for Business and Economic Research on Kentucky's return on its investment in higher education. It found that tax revenue generated from Kentucky's college graduates is four and a half times greater than the state's initial investment in higher education. Consumer spending generated by college graduates in local communities is 17 times greater than the initial investment.

KY REALTORS release Dec. 2024 housing market data

Monthly housing market report focuses on the state of real estate in Kentucky

Kentucky REALTORS, the leading professional association of REALTORS in the Commonwealth, has released the latest housing market data for December 2024, providing insights into the real estate landscape in Kentucky.

- Total sales volume: \$999.48 million, up 8.8% year-over-year (YoY), down 9.1% month-over-month (MoM)
- Total number of listings sold: 3,270, down 0.5% YoY, down 7.4% MoM
- Median sales price: \$265,000, up 8.8% YoY, down 0.94% MoM
- Days on the market: 20, Up 3 days YoY
- New listings: 2,973, down 3.5% YoY, down 40.1% MoM

THE COMMONWEALTH'S HOUSING MARKET SLOWS DURING HOLIDAY SLOWDOWN IN DECEMBER

Kentucky REALTORS (KYR) has released its December 2024 housing market statistics, reflecting

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Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-0121, an ordinance repealing Breckinridge County Fiscal Court Ordinance 2022-0321 for Solar Energy System Installations in Breckinridge County will be held on Monday, February 17th at 9:00 a.m. at the Breckinridge County Courthouse. A copy of the proposed ordinance with full text is available for public inspection at the Office of the County Judge/Executive during normal business hours.

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Brian Hopping, Administrator of the Debbie Hopping Estate (Attorney: Travis B. Newman, 2420 Frankfort Avenue, Ste. 300, Louisville, KY 40206)

Leigh Brown, Administratrix on the Daniel Brown Estate (Attorney: Travis B. Newman, 2420 Frankfort Avenue, Ste. 300, Louisville, KY 40206)

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The Breckinridge County Fiscal Court is currently accepting sealed bids until 4:00 p.m. Friday, February 14, 2025 for preventative maintenance contract at the Judicial Center. The bids will be opened at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, February 17, 2025 at the Fiscal Court Meeting. Bids can be mailed to the County Judge's Office at P.O. Box 227,

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PUBLIC NOTICE INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Breckinridge County Fiscal Court is currently accepting sealed bids for a 2007 GMC 1500 until 4:00 p.m. Friday, February 14, 2025. The bids will be opened at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, February 17, 2025 at the Fiscal Court Meeting. Any questions or to view the truck please call Nicole Shor at 270-547-8864. Bids can be mailed to the County Judge's Office at P.O. Box 227, Hardinsburg, KY 40143 or delivered to the office at 208 S. Main Street, Hardinsburg, KY 40143. Sealed bids must be marked "Truck." The Breckinridge County Fiscal Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. We are not responsible for bids that are not delivered on time.

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I, CINDY RHODES, CLERK OF THE BRECKINRIDGE CIRCUIT COURT, HEREBY GIVE NOTICE THAT ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN GRANTED IN THE FOLLOWING ESTATES:

- Donald Jeffery Miller, 17601 HWY 690, Custer, KY 40115, deceased; Velvett Miller, 17601 HWY 690, Custer, KY 40115, was appointed Administratrix on December 30, 2024 (Attorney: Dawn Logsdon Johnson, 385 W. Lincoln Trail Blvd., Radcliff, KY 40160)
- Joseph Keith Lush, Sr., 1170 Old Stony Fork Lane, Custer, KY 40115, deceased; Joseph Keith Lush, Jr., 10107 Plaudit Way, Louisville, KY 40272, was appointed Executor on January 8, 2025 (Attorney: Herbert O'Reilly, P.O. Box 359, Hardinsburg, KY 40143)
- Anna Elizabeth Thomas, 7944 Highway 477, Webster, KY 40176, deceased; Larry P. Thomas, 2516 Guelat Ave., Louisville, KY 40216, was appointed Administrator on January 8, 2025 (Attorney: Brett Butler, P.O. Box 517, Hardinsburg, KY 40143)
- Patricia Joanne Ball, 7382 Highway 60 West, Hardinsburg, KY 40143, deceased; Richard N. Ball, 7390 Highway 60 West, Hardinsburg, KY 40143, was appointed Executor on January 8, 2025 (Attorney: Herbert O'Reilly, P.O. Box 539, Hardinsburg, KY 40143)
- Alleigh Monchilovich, Minor, Kimberly Mathews, 2812 North Highway 261, Hardinsburg, KY 40143, was appointed Guardian on January 13, 2025 (Attorney: Sarah E. Boggs, 3151 Beaumont Centre Circle, Ste. 200, Lexington, KY 40513)
- Bobby Gene Sorrells, 576 Burton Huff Road, Falls of Rough, KY 40119, deceased; Robert Gene Sorrells, Jr., 777 Burton Huff Road, Falls of Rough, KY 40119, and James Darrell Sorrells, 1925 Wrights Landing Road, Owensboro, KY 42303, were appointed Co-Executors on January 14, 2025 (Attorney: Stephen G. Hopkins, P.O. Box 309, Hardinsburg, KY 40143)
- Robert Owen Board, 2592 Irvington Beweelyville Road, Irvington, KY 40146, deceased; Robin L. Board 12102 Covered Bridge Road, Sellersburg, IN 47172, was appointed Executrix on January 14, 2025 (Attorney: Stephen G. Hopkins, P.O. Box 309, Hardinsburg, KY 40143)
- Virginia Lucille Baker, 4059 S. HWY 261, Hardinsburg, KY 40143, deceased; John Wayne Baker, 4059 S. HWY 261, Hardinsburg, KY 40143, was appointed Executor on January 14, 2025 (Attorney: Herbert O'Reilly, P.O. Box 539, Hardinsburg, KY 40143)
- Angela Schamore, 208 East 3rd Street, Hardinsburg, KY 40143, deceased; Dean Alan Schamore, 208 East 3rd Street, Hardinsburg, KY 40143, was appointed Administrator on January 22, 2025 (Attorney: Charles C. Mattingly, P.O. Box 72, Hardinsburg, KY 40143)
- James Jarboe, 3694 S. HWY 79, Falls of Rough, KY 40119, deceased; Aaron Lee Jarboe, 3694 S. HWY 79, Falls of Rough, KY 40119, was appointed Executor on January 21, 2025 (Attorney: Thomas C. Brite, 107 S. Main Street, Hardinsburg, KY 40143)
- Beulah Mae Diekles, 1409 Guston Deweyville Road, Guston, KY 40143, deceased; Sally Jensen, 1409 Guston Beweelyville Road, Guston, KY 40143, was appointed Executrix on January 22, 2025 (Attorney: Kenton Ritchie Smith, 514 Hillcrest Drive, Brandenburg, KY 40108)
- Donald Edwin Schneider, 585 West Marks Ridge Ln., Hamed, KY 40144, deceased; Dean Schneider, 1813 Parkfield Drive, Perkin, IL 61554, was appointed Executor on January 21, 2025 (Attorney: Herbert O'Reilly, P.O. Box 539, Hardinsburg, KY 40143)
- Sammie V. Guiggins, 2125 N. Hwy 333, Webster, KY 40176, deceased; Raleigh Lee Bramlett, II, 211 Lake Street, Hardinsburg, KY 40143, was appointed Executor on January 28, 2025 (Attorney: Thomas C. Brite, 107 S. Main Street, Hardinsburg, KY 40143)
- Dorothy Miller, 174 South Cave Springs Lane, Leitchfield, KY 42754, deceased; Vicki Elliott, 87 Hwy 84, Hudson, KY 40145, was appointed Executrix on January 27, 2025 (No Attorney)

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