

Help save lives with the Red Cross by giving blood or platelets now

\$15 e-gift card
for coming to
give Aug. 1-28

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The American Red Cross calls on donors to give blood or platelets now to maintain a steady national blood supply. Type O blood donors are especially key to keeping critical blood products on hospital shelves into August.

Even a strong blood supply can experience a sudden drop — potentially impacting the availability of lifesaving blood and platelets that could help new mothers, burn and trauma patients, and those facing cancer. Help safeguard patient care by booking a time to give blood or platelets. Visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS or use the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

In thanks, those who come to give by July 31 will receive a

Fandango Movie Reward by email. For details, visit RedCrossBlood.org/July.

Those who come to give Aug. 1-28 will receive a \$15 e-gift card to a merchant of choice. Plus, the Red Cross will perform free A1C testing, commonly used to screen for prediabetes and diabetes, on successful donations (one test result per 12-month period). Visit RedCrossBlood.org/Test for more information.

UPCOMING BLOOD DONATION OPPORTUNITIES JULY 23 - AUG. 7

American Legion Post 113, 1251 Ring Road, Elizabethtown, Ky. 42701
7/25/2025: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
7/28/2025: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
8/1/2025: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
8/4/2025: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Bloomfield Baptist, 106 Springfield Road, Bloomfield, Ky. 40008
8/4/2025: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Cecilia Baptist Church, 416 E. Main St., Cecilia, Ky. 42724
8/2/2025: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Colvin Community Center, 230 Freedom Way, Radcliff, Ky. 40160
7/25/2025: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Freedom Elementary School, 4682 N. Preston Highway, Shepherdsville, Ky. 40165
7/24/2025: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Ft. Knox, Building 6607 Wilson Road, Fort Knox, Ky. 40121
8/5/2025: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Heart of Kentucky Realtors, 5375 N. Dixie Highway, Elizabethtown, Ky. 42701
7/31/2025: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
LaRue County Public Library, 215 Lincoln Drive, Hodgenville, Ky. 42748
7/24/2025: 12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Lebanon Junction Library, 11382 Preston Highway, Lebanon Junction, Ky. 40150
8/1/2025: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Nelson County Public Library, 201 Cathedral Manor, Bardstown, Ky. 40004
7/30/2025: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Pritchard Community Center, 404 S. Mulberry, Elizabethtown, Ky. 42701
7/25/2025: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

St. Gregory Catholic Church, 330 Samuels Loop, Coxs Creek, Ky. 40013
7/27/2025: 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
VFW Auxiliary, 770 Bypass Road, Brandenburg, Ky. 40108
8/5/2025: 12:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

HOW TO DONATE BLOOD

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Blood Donor App.

AMPLIFY YOUR IMPACT — VOLUNTEER!

Another way to support the lifesaving mission of the Red Cross is to become a volunteer blood donor ambassador at Red Cross blood drives. Blood donor ambassadors help greet, check in and thank blood donors to ensure they have a positive donation experience.

Volunteers can also serve as transportation specialists, playing a vital role in ensuring lifesaving blood products are delivered to nearby hospitals. For more information and to apply for either position visit redcross.org/volunteertoday.

Saluting success: ECU named a top school for military families

Once again, Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) was named second in the nation for Military Friendly Spouse Schools.

This national recognition highlights ECU's continued success in providing a welcoming and resourceful environment for military families pursuing higher education. In addition, ECU is the only university in Kentucky to make the top 10 Military Friendly Schools designation, further solidifying its role as a leader in education for the military community.

"At ECU, there is no greater honor than supporting those who have served our nation," said ECU President David McFaddin. "In our recent partnership with the Kentucky National Guard and a renewed MOU with the Department of Defense, we continue to seek out opportunities to grow and support our military-affiliated students. Our consistent rankings among Military Friendly Schools, Spouse Schools, Best for Vets and other national recognition reaffirm our commitment to excellence in serving veterans and their families."

ECU is home to over 1,800



Courtesy photo

Nick and Starr Wentzel and their two children.

military-connected students, as of Spring 2024. ECU's Office of Military and Veteran Affairs (OMVA) provides valuable support and resources to military students and their families, such as priority registration, reduced tuition for active-duty service members and their spouses, specialized advising and the on-campus ECU Veterans Center. Further supporting military students, the ECU Board of Regents recently approved OMVA's funding for the upcoming academic

year, which includes a reduction in tuition for graduate level, uniformed military students by \$75 per credit hour.

Bringing firsthand experience and understanding to campus, every member of the OMVA team is military-affiliated. This shared background allows the staff to connect with transitioning veterans, understand the unique challenges faced by military spouses, and recognize the value of supporting dependents in their educational

journeys.

"As a current service member, I see many of our veterans struggle with the complexity of understanding their education benefits," said Nick Wentzel, '09, assistant director of OMVA. "Providing veterans and their families a sense of clarity and guidance fosters a sense of purpose and community."

When Nick was deployed for military service, his wife, Starr Wentzel, '06 '08 '24, worked full time, cared for their two children and completed her dissertation for her doctoral degree.

"As a first-generation college student from rural Eastern Kentucky, I wasn't sure what to expect, but ECU gave me the support, confidence and opportunity I needed to grow," said Starr, director of first-year courses at ECU. "This university has afforded me both my education and my career, and I believe in its mission as the School of Opportunity."


More than 1,800 schools across the country participated in the Military Friendly Schools survey. To receive a ranking, institutions must meet a variety of standards and thresholds

for retention, graduation, job placement, repayment, persistence and loan default rates for all students, specifically for student veterans.

To see the complete list of 2025-26 Military Friendly •

Schools, visit militaryfriendly.com/schools/. To learn more about the services and resources available to students through ECU OMVA, visit eku.edu/omva.

ABSOLUTE TRACTOR COLLECTION




**ONLINE BIDDING ONLY ENDS
TUES., JULY 29TH @ 6:00 PM EDT**

LOCATED IN MEADE COUNTY at 879 Hillcrest Drive, Brandenburg, KY 40108, at the Barr Realty & Auction Co., Inc. Brandenburg office directly across from the Meade County Fairgrounds. (signs posted)

BARR REALTY & AUCTION CO., INC. has been selected by R.L. Williams and others to conduct this online absolute auction. Auctioneers Mark Barr, Stephen Barr, Jamie Barr, Chris Barr, Dennie Armes, Evan Barr, Apprentice Eric Barr, and Realtor Jacob Henning with offices in Hardinsburg and Brandenburg, KY.

20 TRACTORS • TRUCK • SKID STEER EQUIPMENT • TRAILERS • 3 CAMPERS




Going on the auction block, selling by online bidding only, will be a Oliver Super 44; Oliver Super 55; Farnall H; IH Super MTA, John Deere A; John Deere B; John Deere 1026R compact tractor with front blade, 39 hours showing; Oliver Super 66 gas; Oliver Super 66 diesel; two Oliver Super 77 tractors; Oliver Super 88; Oliver Super 99 Screamin' Jimmy; Oliver 1650; Oliver 2150 MFWD; Oliver 2255 MFWD; John Deere 4020; Oliver 1655 MFWD; John Deere 270 skid steer with 60 hrs; 1994 Ford F350 truck w/flatbed; 1977 Ford 8000 dump truck; Leitchfield Truck 25 ft. gooseneck trailer; Oliver tractor slab weights; John Deere 4 ft lift disc; John Deere LX4 rotary mower; Frontier 5 ft landscape rake; Frontier 5 ft box blade; 2 basket tedder; IH 574 diesel tractor; Frontier 5 ft. 3 pth grader box; 5 ft. 3 pth rotary mower; JD Lx4 4 ft. 3 pth rotary mower; Land Pride AT 2672 3 pth 6 ft. finish mower; 6 ft. 3 pth rotary mower; OMC 596 round hay baler; 3 pth 4 wheel hay rake; two row layoff plow; 3 pth boom pole; 3 pth subsoiler; draw bar; post driver; Befco G42 42 in. 3 pth rototiller; 3 pth one bottom plow; 3 pth layoff plow; 6 ft. 3 pth grader blade; 3 pth pond scoop; two row corn planter; 6 ft. lift disc; JD 4 ft. lift disc; 5 ft. x 8 ft. utility trailer with ramp gate; metal and wooden tractor pulleys; metal A frame w/pulleys; gantry crane w/trolley and hoist; wheel weights; JD 25 gallon boom sprayer; 30 in. metal brake; metal shop carts; (2) JD 3 pth I-Match hitches; parts cleaner; unused shop tools; chain hoist; log chains; jack stands; engine hoist; metal tool boxes; torpedo heater; dinner bell; other shop items; and miscellaneous tools. **NOTE:** Most of the tractors are from the James Scheetz collection. Mr. Sheetz and his brother drove the Midwest states to collect them. Mr. Williams purchased Mr. Sheetz's farm and equipment as a package deal and does not have a need for this equipment. There will be additional items from other sellers including: Allis Chalmers 190 tractor; 2022 Flagstaff by Forest River E-Pro 19FD Camper, 20 ft. 8 in., bumper hitch; 2014 White Hawk Ultra Lite Summit Edition Camper, 30 ft., bumper hitch; 2010 Puma by Palomino Camper, 26 ft., bumper hitch; 2014 Towblazer Diamond Plate motorcycle trailer; 2003 Honda 1800 Goldwing trike; Kawasaki Mule RTV; Ferguson 30 tractor; (2) 14 in. plows; 3 pth 5 ft. International mower; pond scoop; Sealmaster asphalt sealer tank on trailer; 2007 Beachcomber 20 ft. pontoon boat w/115 Evinrude motor and mid-American trailer; ICI Pro Spray 1300 paint striper; Little Wonder blower with Honda GX390 engine; Sealmaster 11 hp blower; Billy Goat 8 hp blower; Airlessco paint stripper w/Honda 5.5 hp engine; Husqvarna 54 in. riding mower; 3 ton bulk bin w/auger; Avery ground driven manure spreader; Amish made buggy; sulky horse cart; and other items. **INSPECTION:** The personal property will be available for inspection on Saturday, July 26th from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM EDT and Tuesday, July 29th from 12:00 to 6:00 PM EDT at 879 Hillcrest Drive, Brandenburg, KY 40108. If you need help registering or placing a bid give us a call at 270-422-2136 or 270-756-2136. A 10% Buyer's Premium will apply. For full terms, conditions, photos, inspection, payment and pickup information, see BarrRealtyAuction.com.

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General Fund transfers out of \$400,000 as a positive amount.

- The fourth quarter financial statement was misstated by \$156,902.
- The county treasurer failed to record borrowed money proceeds in the amount of \$131,476, and the corresponding purchase of the same amount for sheriff's vehicles.
- The fiscal court failed to budget \$47,018 of debt service payments made by the sheriff's office on behalf of the fiscal court.

Ball's office made the following recommendations to address these issues:

- The fiscal court should strengthen oversight and internal controls in order to ensure complete and accurate accounting records are maintained and establish checks and balances to verify that the amounts recorded

and reported are accurate.

- The fiscal court should ensure all amounts are recorded in the budget correctly.
- The fiscal court should ensure it properly budgets and records all borrowed money and any related purchases, as well as all debt service payments.

"This was an oversight on our part, and steps have been taken to ensure this does not happen in the future," Breckinridge County Judge Executive Maurice Lucas said in response.

The auditor's second finding was that the fiscal court did not have adequate internal controls over disbursements and bidding processes.

Ball's office tested 25 transactions totaling \$3,866,527, which resulted in the following issues:

- One disbursement for the purchase of a truck in the amount of \$49,005 did not have an itemized invoice or the corresponding specification sheet. In addition, rather than

procuring vehicles by soliciting bids per KRS 424.260, the county opted to procure the vehicle using the state pricing contract. However, the county failed to obtain quotes from a minimum of three dealers who have master agreements with the Finance and Administration Cabinet.

- The purchase of three used vehicles totaling \$79,700, jail video arraignment equipment in the amount of \$113,609, and four recycling trailers and four wire mesh trailers totaling \$108,312 were not advertised for bid by the fiscal court.
- The fiscal court failed to properly procure bids for the food service contract at the Breckinridge County Detention Center, which totaled \$282,624.
- Bids to provide road tile and crushed stone to the fiscal court were accepted from multiple vendors.

"We recommend the Breckinridge County Fiscal Court implement internal

controls over disbursement and procurement processes to ensure itemized invoices are obtained for all purchases and proper procurement procedures are established to ensure compliance with state statutes and county policy," officials said in the release.

"Additionally, if the county chooses to opt out of the bidding process by purchasing vehicles at the state contract price, we recommend that the county comply with the Finance and Administration Cabinet's policies by obtaining quotes with a minimum of three dealers who have Master Agreements with the Finance and Administration Cabinet."

"Steps have been taken to ensure this does not happen in the future," Lucas said of the second finding.

The audit report can be found online at auditor.ky.gov/Auditreports/2024BreckinridgeFC-audit.pdf.

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it and Albright and Henning voted in favor of it.

"Good decision," Greenwell said.

"I think morally it is a good decision, too," Lucas said.

In other business, the fiscal court:

- Failed to approve a resolution executing a memorandum of agreement with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet for \$175,000 in discretionary funding to resurface Church of God Road and Harold Lucas Lane. The county would pay the cost of the projects, after which

it would have been reimbursed. Magistrates suggested waiting to approve the projects because the contract gives the county three years to complete them, and there is not currently money in the budget to cover their cost prior to reimbursement.


- Approved a resolution authorizing the county to serve as the grantee and Breckinridge County United the beneficiary for the Kentucky Product Development Initiative (KDPI) grant in the amount of \$99,794 for the Irvington industrial park development project. The project includes a water line extension, and Breckinridge County United will provide

a local match of \$14,256.


- Voted to accept a \$6,500 America250 grant for 2026

Fourth of July celebrations.

- Voted to accept the court's Fiscal Year 2023-2024 audit.



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