

Transportation officials issue Antler Alert

Increased deer activity and collisions typically occur during October, November, December

BY SUBMITTED

Peak season has arrived for deer activity on Kentucky roadways, and motorists are reminded to stay alert for wildlife to keep safe as state transportation officials' issue their annual Antler Alert. Nearly half of wildlife collisions occur during the last three months of the year.

“We see deer-related crashes rise sharply this time of year,” said State Highway Engineer James Ballinger. “Last November we had more than 700 wildlife collisions — the highest of any month. Drivers should be extra alert, especially at dawn and dusk, and slow down in areas where deer are likely to cross. A moment of caution can prevent a serious crash.”

According to Joe McDermott, deer program coordinator with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR), deer movement is near peak activity this year when the rut, otherwise known as mating season, begins at the end of Octo-

ber and continues through December.

“Deer activity peaks in the fall not only because of the rut, but also because their food sources and cover change as the seasons shift,” McDermott said. “As foliage disappears and crops are harvested, deer are more likely to travel greater distances and cross roadways in search of food and shelter. That means drivers should expect to encounter deer almost anywhere, anytime this season.”

In Kentucky, there were 3,406 highway crashes in 2024 that reported a vehicle striking a deer, up nearly 180 over the previous year and the highest recorded in the last five years. As a result of those collisions, six people were killed — three more than the previous year — and 22 were seriously injured, which was a decrease from last year.

Hopkins County saw the highest number of reported crashes last year — 133. Half of the top 10 counties with

the most crashes were in western Kentucky.

State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co. issues a yearly report of collisions involving deer and other wildlife based on insurance claims. Despite a national decrease in wildlife involved collisions, for the year ending June 30, 2025, State Farm reported more than 1.7 million animal collision claims in the United States, of which more than 1.1 million involved deer.

The Transportation Cabinet offers these driving tips to stay safe:

- Stay Aware: Be vigilant, especially in forested terrain, and during dusk and dawn when deer are most active.
- Be Prepared: Always wear a seat belt (it's the law) and eliminate distractions (phones down!).
- Turn On Headlights: Keep them on bright unless other vehicles are approaching.
- Slow Down: Take your foot off the gas immediately if you spot a deer crossing the roadway; they tend to travel in groups.
- Don't Swerve: Trying to avoid a deer can result in a more serious crash with an oncoming vehicle or roadside object.

- If There's a Crash: Keep both hands on the wheel and apply brakes steadily until stopped.

Kentuckians should drive safely and scan the roadside, especially at sunrise and sunset when deer are most active. Motorists are asked to report all deer-vehicle collisions to police. KYTC traffic engineers use the crash data to aid in placing deer-crossing warning signs and other safety measures.

Kentucky was one of 17 states to receive a federal grant aimed at making roadways safer for people and wildlife. The \$1.2 million award funded a wildlife-vehicle collision reduction plan and a pilot study in central Kentucky that was completed this year. Analysts examined vehicle collisions along the U.S.60/Interstate 64 corridor in Jefferson, Shelby and Franklin counties where white-tailed deer are involved in a high number of collisions. Data was collected to understand deer habitat and behavior patterns using drones, GPS collars, trail cameras and field surveys. Countermeasures like adding fencing, managing vegetation and lighting expansion are some considerations being considered.



LEGAL NOTICE

COMMISSIONER'S SALE
OCTOBER 27, 2025 AT 11:00 A.M. CENTRAL TIME
OLD BRECKINRIDGE COUNTY COURTHOUSE FRONT DOOR
208 SOUTH MAIN STREET HARDINSBURG, KENTUCKY

BRECKINRIDGE CIRCUIT COURT, DIVISION I CIVIL ACTION NO.24-CI-00258

DOT CAPITAL INVESTMENTS, LLC PLAINTIFF
VS. NOTICE OF SALE
DEBORAH FENTRESS, ET AL DEFENDANTS

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered October 1, 2025, the Master Commissioner will on October 27, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. or thereabouts, offer for sale the property described below. The property be offered at public auction to the highest bidder on terms of TEN (10%) PERCENT down in the form of **cash, cashier's check or certified check**, and the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days, secured by a bond with sufficient surety, and bearing interest at the accruing rate of 12.00% per annum from date of sale until the purchase price is paid. A lien will be retained on the property sold until the purchase money is fully paid. Please contact the Master Commissioner's office prior to the date of sale to ensure that you have all information necessary to qualify to bid. Health and safety measures will be required.

Property Address: 1008 Fentress Hideout Lane, Westview, Kentucky 40178
Parcel Identification Number: FH2 77

The real estate will be appraised. The purpose of the sale is to satisfy a judgment in the amount of \$4,596.60 plus interest and costs. However, bids will not be required to meet or exceed the appraised value. The real estate has been adjudged to be indivisible and will be sold as a whole. It will be sold free of liens of all the parties hereto except for real estate taxes for 2025 and thereafter, and will be sold subject to all restrictions and easements of record.

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OCTOBER 27, 2025 AT 1:00 P.M. CENTRAL TIME
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208 SOUTH MAIN STREET HARDINSBURG, KENTUCKY

BRECKINRIDGE CIRCUIT COURT, DIVISION I CIVIL ACTION NO. 24-CI-00174

WANDA PHILLIPS PLAINTIFF
VS. JERRY LEE LUCAS, ET AL DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF SALE
By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered September 17, 2025, the Master Commissioner will on October 27, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. or thereabouts, offer for sale the property described below. The property be offered at public auction to the highest bidder on terms of TEN (10%) PERCENT down in the form of **cash, cashier's check or certified check**, and the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days, secured by a bond with sufficient surety, and bearing interest at the accruing rate of 12.00% per annum from date of sale until the purchase price is paid. A lien will be retained on the property sold until the purchase money is fully paid. Please contact the Master Commissioner's office prior to the date of sale to ensure that you have all information necessary to qualify to bid. Health and safety measures will be required.

Property Address: 422 Old Railroad Road, Falls of Rough, Kentucky 40119
Parcel Identification Number: GD 1-2

The real estate will be appraised. The purpose of the sale is to satisfy a judgment in the amount of \$3,474.81 plus interest and costs. However, bids will not be required to meet or exceed the appraised value. The real estate has been adjudged to be indivisible and will be sold as a whole. It will be sold free of liens of all the parties hereto except for real estate taxes for 2024 and thereafter, and will be sold subject to all restrictions and easements of record.

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KSP Post 4 troopers and officers recognized at annual awards ceremony

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On Sept. 25, the Kentucky State Police (KSP) honored 61 troopers, detectives and officers who went above and beyond the call of service during their Sworn Awards Ceremony.

This annual event highlights those who are dedicated to protecting Kentucky's 120 counties with a mission of creating a safer commonwealth for future generations. The awards presented were for heroic acts of service that occurred in 2024.

Last year, KSP responded to 412,530 calls for assistance, conducted thousands of wellness checks during dangerous weather conditions, protected children from online predators, obtained justice for victims, ran into unthinkable dangers and assisted local law enforcement agencies as needed to promote safety throughout the commonwealth.

During the ceremony, KSP Commissioner Phillip Burnett, Jr. praised the award recipients for their extraordinary service to the commonwealth.

“This ceremony is about recognizing the troopers and officers who have gone far beyond the call of duty,” Burnett said. “Whether facing danger head-on, uncovering the truth through determined investigations or showing compassion when it mattered most, these troopers and officers embody the highest standards of our agency.”

Recipients from the Post 4 area include:



Kentucky State Police Post 4 personnel recognized at the annual awards ceremony were, from left, Detective Bryan Washer, Trooper Mathew Hendricks and Trooper Jesse Harp.

- Detective Bryan Washer was named the 2024 Post 4 Detective of the Year. He is a 15-year veteran of KSP.
 - Trooper Jesse Harp was named the 2024 Post 4 Trooper of the Year.
- He is a 5-year veteran of KSP.
- Trooper Mathew Hendricks received a Lifesaving Award medal. He is a 1-year veteran of KSP.
- A complete list of award recipients is available on the KSP website.

TRIO SSS grant expands services to ECTC Leitchfield and Springfield campuses

BY SUBMITTED

Elizabethtown Community and Technical College (ECTC) recently earned a \$1.3 million TRIO Student Support Services grant from the U.S. Department of Education to expand services to the college's Leitchfield and Springfield campuses.

“We know that sometimes the hardest thing for

students who need TRIO services is just asking for help,” said ECTC TRIO SSS Director Breanna Phillips. “By offering a program at our extended campuses, students will have much easier access to our services.”

TRIO SSS serves first-generation, low-income students. It provides individualized services

such as one-on-one tutoring, guidance through the educational process, academic counseling, transfer assistance, visits to four-year universities and more. The project's goals are to increase retention and graduation rates among participants.

The grant will enable ECTC to hire a program director who will have a

presence at the Springfield and Leitchfield campuses. It also allows for a tutor at each campus and an administrative assistant.

“By earning this grant, we can expand our reach,” Phillips said. “We look forward to providing TRIO's meaningful services to even more students and helping them on their path to success.”

United Way of Central Kentucky to host Red Cross blood drive

BY SUBMITTED

United Way of Central Kentucky (UWCK) is set to host a Red Cross blood drive this month at its Elizabethtown headquarters, located at 604 North Main St.

The blood drive will take place Friday, Oct. 17 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is open to the public by appointment.

According to the American Red Cross, every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. Approximate-

ly 29,000 units of red blood cells are needed every day in the U.S., along with 5,000 units of platelets and 6,500 units of plasma. A single car accident victim can require as many as 100 units of blood.

“We are proud to once again partner with the American Red Cross to host a blood drive,” said UWCK President Christa Shouse. “The need is critical, and we know the generosity of this community can help make a

difference.”

To help encourage individuals to donate blood, the Red Cross is giving away \$10 Amazon gift cards via email to those who donate blood between Sept. 22 through Oct. 19.

Individuals can schedule their appointment by visiting RedCrossBlood.org and typing in sponsor code “UWCKY” or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS.



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BRECKINRIDGE CIRCUIT COURT, DIVISION II CIVIL ACTION NO. 25-CI-00073

EVAN TATE and SAMANTHA J. TATE PLAINTIFFS
VS. JESSE GUTHRIE and MARY K. GUTHRIE, ET AL DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF SALE
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Property Address: 619 Old Highway 60, Hardinsburg, Kentucky 40143
Parcel Identification Number: HB 2-6-5

The real estate will be appraised. The purpose of the sale is to satisfy a judgment in the amount of \$2,551.39 plus interest and costs. However, bids will not be required to meet or exceed the appraised value. The real estate has been adjudged to be indivisible and will be sold as a whole. It will be sold free of liens of all the parties hereto except for real estate taxes for 2024 and thereafter, and will be sold subject to all restrictions and easements of record.

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BRECKINRIDGE CIRCUIT COURT, DIVISION II CIVIL ACTION NO. 25-CI-00074

EVAN TATE and SAMANTHA J. TATE PLAINTIFFS
VS. UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, AND ASSIGNS OF ROBERT WHEATLEY, ET AL DEFENDANTS

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Property Address: 621 Old Highway 60, Hardinsburg, Kentucky 40143
Parcel Identification Number: HB 2-6-6

The real estate will be appraised. The purpose of the sale is to satisfy a judgment in the amount of \$2,342.82 plus interest and costs. However, bids will not be required to meet or exceed the appraised value. The real estate has been adjudged to be indivisible and will be sold as a whole. It will be sold free of liens of all the parties hereto except for real estate taxes for 2024 and thereafter, and will be sold subject to all restrictions and easements of record.

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