

# Hewlett Dental cuts the ribbon on new office

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Hewlett Family Dental staff, patients, and community supporters crowded to cut the ribbon on the new location on April 28. Guests at the ribbon-cutting event heard about all of the hard work the Hewlett team puts in every day, congratulated them on their gorgeous new office, and grabbed some treats on the way out. The new Hewlett Family Dental office is located at 223 The Pointe Blvd.



# Some summer boating safety tips

FRANKFORT — In conjunction with National Safe Boating Week, May 17-23, 2025, the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources reminds Kentuckians to be safe as they get out on the water and roads during the upcoming Memorial Day weekend.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife encourages boaters to follow simple steps to minimize injuries and accidents. The goal is always zero accidents, which cannot happen without everyone taking the proper safety precautions.

Tips when heading out on the water:

**Wear a Life Jacket:** Kentucky law requires each occupant of a boat to have ready access to a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket that properly fits each person. Children younger than 12 must at all times wear a lifejacket that fits them while in the open portion of a boat that is underway. Life Jacket Loaner Stations, available in a growing number of locations across the state, allow boating parties to borrow life jackets temporarily. Make wearing your life jacket and engine kill switch a habit for you and your passengers.

**Boat Sober:** Every year, alcohol is the leading cause of injuries and accidents on Kentucky waterways. Often-times, this leads to individuals leaving the lake and driving under the influence (DUI), putting everyone on the roadways in danger. Operating a vehicle or boat under the influence (BUI) is extremely dangerous, impairs judgment and reaction time, and is illegal.

**Take a Safe Boating Course:** Familiarize yourself with Kentucky boating laws, regulations, and navigation rules before heading out with an easy online Boater Education Class.

**Stay Weather Aware:** Check the weather forecast and be prepared for changing conditions. Sudden storms or rough waters can pose significant dangers. Always have a reliable means of communication onboard to receive weather updates.

**File a Float Plan:** Let someone know your boating plans before you get on the water. File a Float Plan with a friend or family member detailing your itinerary. In the event of an emergency, this information can be crucial for rescuers.

Some reservoirs may still be affected by high water following flooding rains earlier this spring, so boaters are advised to check the status of boat ramps before leaving home. Conditions may vary between waterbodies, with some ramps remaining closed or partially submerged.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife game wardens will be patrolling the state's waterways over Memorial Day weekend to check boaters for legal and safety considerations, including life jackets, boat registration, watercraft safety and possible impairment. The U.S. Coast Guard will also be patrolling Kentucky waters.

For emergencies, call 911.

For assistance while on the water call 800-25-ALERT (800-252-5378), or contact a local law enforcement agency or nearest Kentucky State Police post. Marine channel 16 can be used to contact a local marina.

The Fish Boat KY smart-phone app, available for iOS and Android, allows boaters to buy a fishing license, find directions to local lakes, read fishing reports, learn about regulations, find fish stocking schedules, locate the nearest boat ramp and more. Download the app at Fish Boat KY App on the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website (fw.ky.gov) or search for "Fish Boat KY" in your preferred app store.

Additional boating information can be found on Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's website at Boating - Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife. The department's 2025-2026 Kentucky Fishing and Boating Guide also provides basic boating information, including regulations, and can be viewed online or printed to keep in a boat or other type of vessel.

Of final note, Kentucky boat registrations expire April 30 each year, so owners who haven't already done so must renew them through their county clerk's office.

Questions on boating, regulations, education and more may be directed to the agency's information center at 800-858-1549, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (ET) weekdays, excluding state holidays.

# Journalism wins Preakness after second-place Derby finish

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BALTIMORE — Journalism jostled with horses down the stretch, shrugged off the contact, burst through the lane and came from behind to win the 150th running of the Preakness Stakes on Saturday.

The odds-on favorite was bumped by Goal Oriented near the quarter pole, and it looked like another second-place finish was coming two weeks after being the runner-up to Sovereignty in the Kentucky Derby. Journalism instead ran right by Gosger to give trainer Michael McCarthy his second win in a Triple Crown race.

"A lot of bouncing around there," McCarthy said. "When I saw that, I kind of resigned myself to the fact it was another fantastic effort and maybe come up a little bit short. But it just goes to show the testament that this horse has. Couldn't be prouder of him."

Gosger was second by a half-length. Sandman was third and Bob Baffert-trained Goal Oriented fourth. Journalism went 1 3/16 miles in 1:55.37.

Umberto Rispoli became the first jockey from Italy to win any of the Triple Crown races.

"When I crossed the wire, the first things that comes up to my mind, it's all of the 20 years of my career that pass in front of me," Rispoli said. "I had to wait so long to be on a champion like that."

Journalism handled the adversity and thrived on a warm day that dried out the track after torrential rain fell at Pimlico Race Course for much of the past week. Those conditions suited him better than the slop at Churchill Downs in the Derby.

"This victory symbolizes so much about life," co-owner Aaron Wellman said. "It took guts for Umberto Rispoli to power his way through a seemingly impossible hole getting side-swiped and threading the needle and powering on through. And it took guts from an incredible horse to somehow will his way to victory."

Journalism paid \$4 to win, \$2.80 to place and \$2.40 to show.

"He's a remarkable horse," Baffert said of Journalism. "I wanted to be on the lead and was behind horses. I knew (Goal Oriented) was intimidated. He's never run that way. He ran well, but he's still too green for that."

Sovereignty did not take

part after his owners and trainer Bill Mott decided to skip the Preakness, citing the two-week turnaround, and aimed for the Belmont on June 7. That made this a fifth time in seven years that the Preakness, for various reasons, was contested without a Triple Crown bid at stake.

But Journalism staked his claim for 3-year-old horse of the year by winning the \$2 million American classic race run at the old Pimlico Race Course for the last time before it's torn down and rebuilt. While work went on around him before the postrace news conference, Wellman asked, "Are they already tearing this place down?"

Not yet, and not before Journalism could add a memorable chapter by squeezing through the space he had to win.

"I still can't realize what this horse did," Rispoli said. "It's all about him. It's a pleasure and privilege to ride a horse like him."

The Preakness is set to be held at nearby Laurel Park, between Baltimore and Washington, D.C., next year before a planned return to the new Pimlico in 2027. McCarthy raved about the history at the place known as "Old Hilltop" and still remembers where he was when Sunday Silence beat Easy Goer at the wire in 1989 in a fashion similar to how Journalism won this time.

"Things kind of come full circle," McCarthy said. "I'm sad to see this place go, but we'll try to get back here next year, whichever locale it's at."

Journalism is the first horse to win the Preakness after running in the Kentucky Derby since Mark Casse-trained War of Will in 2019. He is the first Derby runner-up to follow that up by winning the Preakness since Exaggerator in 2016.

Only two others from the 19 in the Derby participated in the Preakness: Casse's Sandman and fellow Hall of Famer D. Wayne Lukas' American Promise, who did not have the same positive response as Journalism.

"The best horse won," Lukas said. "He finished beautifully."

Lukas, the 89-year-old who has saddled the most horses in Preakness history, referred to McCarthy once this week as "the new guy." This was just McCarthy's second, and he's 2 for 2 after Rombauer



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**Umberto Rispoli, atop Journalism, left, edges out Luis Saez, atop Gosger, to win the 150th running of the Preakness Stakes horse race on May 17 at Pimlico Race Course in Baltimore.**

## INSPECTION PERIOD FOR THE PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT ROLL

The Shelby County real property tax roll will be opened for inspection from **May 27, 2025 through June 10, 2025**. Under the supervision of the Property Valuation Administrator (PVA) or one of the deputies, any person may inspect the tax roll.

This is the January 1, 2025 assessment on which state, county and school taxes for 2025 will be due about September 15, 2025.

The tax roll is in the office of the Property Valuation Administrator in the county courthouse annex and may be inspected between the hours of **8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon Saturday**.

Any taxpayer desiring to appeal an assessment on real property made by the PVA must first request a conference with the PVA or a designated deputy. The conference may be held prior to or during the inspection period. **Taxpayer conferences with the PV A may be held remotely or in person. Remote conferences may be held via email (Brad.McDowell@ky.gov), phone (502-633-4403), or fax (502-633-4408).** Documentation supporting your opinion of value will continue to be required; however, you will receive specific instructions on the best method to submit your documentation after contacting our office about your intention to have a conference.

Any taxpayer still aggrieved by an assessment on real property, after the conference with the PVA or designated deputy, may appeal to the county board of assessment appeals.

The taxpayer can appeal his assessment by filing in person or sending a letter or other written petition stating the reasons for appeal, identifying the property and stating the taxpayer's opinion of the fair cash value of the property.

The appeal must be filed with the county clerk's office no later than one work day following the conclusion of the inspection period.

Any taxpayer failing to appeal to the county board of assessment appeals, or failing to appear before the board, either in person or by designated representative, will not be eligible to appeal directly to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

Appeals of personal property assessments shall not be made to the county board of assessment appeals. Personal property taxpayers shall be served notice under the provisions of KRS 132.450( 4) and shall have the protest and appeals rights granted under the provisions of KRS 131.110.

The following steps should be taken when a taxpayer does not agree with the assessed value of personal property as determined by the office of property valuation administrator:

- (1) He must list under protest (for certification) what he believes to be the fair cash value of his property.
- (2) He must file a written protest directly with the Depaiiment of Property Valuation within 30 days from the date of the notice of assessment.
- (3) This protest must be in accordance with KRS 131.110.
- ( 4) The final decision of the Revenue Cabinet may be appealed to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

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