

## New assessment to shape anti-poverty efforts

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Central Kentucky Community Action Council (CKCAC) is seeking public input for its 2026 Community Needs Assessment, a critical initiative designed to identify the underlying causes of poverty and determine the most urgent needs of residents across the Lincoln Trail region.

As a member of the National Community Action Partnership, CKCAC conducts this comprehensive evaluation to ensure its programs — ranging from Head Start and Senior Meals to LIHEAP energy assistance — are effectively targeting the real-world challenges faced by local families.

“The Community Needs Assessment is the first phase of our strategic planning cycle,” said Bryan Conover, CKCAC executive director. “It allows us to ground our work in data and direct community input, ensuring we implement services that truly lift families out of poverty and toward self-sufficiency.”

Federal guidelines require all Community Action Agencies to perform this assessment annually. The data gathered serves as a blueprint for:

- **Prioritizing Resources:** Identifying if current funds should focus more on

housing, employment, or emergency support.

- **Gap Identification:** Discovering unmet needs among the most vulnerable residents, including the elderly and low-income children.

- **Strategic Planning:** Helping the CKCAC Board of Directors oversee agency policies and utilization of financial resources to better serve the eight-county area.

CKCAC is actively seeking input from clients, community leaders and stakeholders in Breckinridge, Grayson, Hardin, LaRue, Marion, Meade, Nelson, and Washington counties. Any resident of CKCAC’s eight-county region is encouraged to share their experiences with local services and barriers to economic security.

To participate in the survey, go to <https://bit.ly/4khp4QS>. It only takes a few minutes to complete, but every question must be answered to be included in the final results. The deadline to complete the survey is Feb. 27.

Residents interested in completing the survey or learning more about the assessment can visit the CKCAC website or contact CSBG Director, Katrina Wilbanks, at 270-692-2136 or via email at [katrina.wilbanks@ckcac.org](mailto:katrina.wilbanks@ckcac.org).

## LTADD supports caregivers with essential support services

National Caregivers Day is Feb. 20

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In honor of National Caregivers Day on Feb. 20, the Lincoln Trail Area Development District (LTADD) is celebrating the unsung heroes of our community: family caregivers.

On this special day, LTADD is highlighting its comprehensive suite of services designed to support those who care for aging or disabled family members. Providing care for a loved one is a rewarding yet demanding journey, and LTADD is committed to ensuring no one has to do it alone. Through the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC), LTADD serves as a “one-stop shop” for information and resources, connecting caregivers in Breckinridge, Grayson, Hardin, LaRue, Marion, Meade, Nelson and Washington counties to vital assistance. Key services available to support local caregivers include:

- **Respite Care:** Provides much-needed relief to caregivers for individuals who cannot be left unsupervised,

available through in-home care.

- **Case Management:** Professional case managers work with individuals to develop a personalized Plan of Care and link them to essential community support.

- **Participant Directed Services (PDS):** Offers flexibility for those on specific Medicaid waivers to hire caregivers of their choice using an individual budget.

- **SHIP/Benefits Counseling:** Free, one-on-one assistance to help caregivers and seniors navigate the complexities of Medicare.

- **In-Home Support:** Assistance with daily tasks such as bathing and dressing the individual being cared for. “Caregivers are the backbone of long-term care in our region,” said Tabitha French, LTADD Older Americans director. “Our goal is to provide the resources and professional support necessary to help them maintain their own well-being while helping their loved ones stay safe at home.” For more information on available services or to speak with a counselor, please contact the Aging and Disability Resource Center at 270-737-6082 or 800-264-0393, or go to the LTADD Aging Services website at <https://ltadd.org/services/aging>.

## Kentucky Wesleyan Music Department to present concert

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The Kentucky Wesleyan College Music Department will present “Tradition,” a special concert inspired by folk songs and musical traditions from around the world, at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 26 in the Jack Wells

Activity Center at 3300 Frederica St.

The concert, powerful music rooted in culture and storytelling, will feature the KWC Band, directed by Pat Stuckemeyer, and the KWC Singers, directed by Hadley Rouse. The event is free and open to the public.

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## New Champions Circle program announced

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The Elizabethtown Community and Technical College Foundation has announced the launch of the Champions Circle, a philanthropic leadership program uniting community partners dedicated to advancing education.

The Champions Circle invites donors to join with an annual commitment of \$10,000, providing essential unrestricted funding to respond to ECTC’s greatest needs. Members receive unique benefits, such as recognition across campuses and opportunities to participate in special events.

“The Champions Circle allows us to respond quickly to student needs, pilot innovative programs, and expand opportunities that change students’ lives,” said ECTC Foundation Executive Director Chrissie Angell. “We are grateful to the founding leaders who recognize the value of this investment.”

Inaugural leadership gifts from Family Scholar House President & CEO Cathe Dykstra, Swope Family of Dealerships and Diane Logsdon will create a strong foundation for the Champions Circle and set an inspiring example of philanthropic vision and community leadership, Angell said.

“The Swope Family of Dealerships is honored to support the Champions Circle because we believe deeply in ECTC’s role as a driver of opportunity in our region,” said Jennifer Swope, executive vice president/chief operating officer of the Swope Family of Dealerships and ECTC Foundation board chair. “Investing in ECTC means investing directly in the strength of our workforce, our families and our future. We are proud to stand with other leaders who share this commitment.”

Champions Circle membership is renewed annually, following the academic calendar, with commitments

due by June 30 and membership beginning July 1. Individuals, businesses and foundations can contribute.

The ECTC Foundation supports student success, workforce development and community advancement through strategic fundraising and partnerships. The foundation secures scholarships, emergency funds and program resources that create pathways to education and economic mobility across the region.

For more information about joining the ECTC Champions Circle, contact Angell at [chrissie.angell@kctcs.edu](mailto:chrissie.angell@kctcs.edu) or 270-706-8833.

## Child care improvement bill gains momentum

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A bill stakeholders say will improve child care access for Kentucky families cleared its first major hurdle on Thursday.

House Bill 6 is sponsored by House Families and Children Committee Chair Rep. Samara Heavrin, R-Leitchfield. She told the committee the legislation has been 18 months in the making with the Kentucky Collaborative on Child Care.

Heavrin described the collaborative as a group of more than 40 stakeholders from across the political spectrum. She said HB 6 has a long-term focus on affordability, quality and access.

“We’re focusing on working families and affordability, and (the bill) ensures the quality of early learning and access and options for parents,” Heavrin said. “These are long term reforms, not quick fixes.”

Heavrin said HB 6 addresses the certified child care community program, the Kentucky Advisory Council, micro child care centers, efforts focused on children with special needs, child care data and information, transparency, faith-based child care providers, child care assistance program improvements and employee child care assistance part-

nership reform.

HB 6 would also establish a pilot program to allow Kentucky’s military bases to work on an opportunity to have off-base child care.

Committee co-chair Rep. Nick Wilson, R-Williamsburg, kicked off discussion of the legislation by asking for more insight on micro child care centers.

Charles Aull, vice president of policy and research at the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, said micro centers are a new type of child care service that is different from a traditional child care center or home-based child care.

“The intent behind them is to address specific gaps within communities,” Aull said. “So things like third-shift care, drop-in care, rural child care and to support public and private partnerships.”

Aull said HB 6 would initially allow the existence of 10 micro centers — with no more than two in a single county at a time — with the ability to have as few as four children or as many as 24 children.

In the future, the general assembly could consider allowing more micro centers, but HB 6 is a start to give the state time to establish a

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Andrew West

Rep. Samara Heavrin, R-Leitchfield, explains how House Bill 6 would improve child care access in Kentucky during Thursday’s House Families and Children Committee meeting.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**COMMISSIONER’S SALE**  
MARCH 2, 2026 AT 11:00 A.M. CENTRAL TIME  
OLD BRECKINRIDGE COUNTY COURTHOUSE FRONT DOOR  
208 SOUTH MAIN STREET HARDINSBURG, KENTUCKY  
BRECKINRIDGE CIRCUIT COURT, DIVISION I CASE NO. 25-CI-00082  
GERARDO JAIME PLAINTIFF VS. NOTICE OF SALE ESTATE OF CATHERINE WHEATLEY, ET AL DEFENDANTS

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered December 18, 2025, the Master Commissioner will on March 2, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. or thereabouts, offer for sale the property described below. The property will 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: 280 Wilson Wilderness Lane, Westview, Kentucky 40178 Parcel Identification Number: 77-5**

The real estate will be appraised. The purpose of the sale is to satisfy a judgment in the amount of \$3,572.88 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.

**HERBERT M. O’REILLY MASTER COMMISSIONER POST OFFICE BOX 539 HARDINSBURG, KENTUCKY 40143 PHONE: (270) 756-2882**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**COMMISSIONER’S SALE**  
FEBRUARY 23, 2026 AT 12:30 P.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-00128  
CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, PLAINTIFF vs.  
LETITIA REID DEERE & COMANY DEFENDANTS

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered April 2, 2025, and by order entered January 15, 2026, the Master Commissioner will on February 23, 2026, at 12:30 p.m. or thereabouts, offer for sale the property described below. The property will 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 interest rate of 3.250% 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: 103 Carolyn Lane, Hardinsburg, KY, 40143 Parcel Identification Number: HB 3-1-7C**

The real estate will be appraised. The purpose of the sale is to satisfy a judgment in the amount of \$ 128,620.30 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 subject to all restrictions and easements of record.

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**COMMISSIONER’S SALE**  
MARCH 9, 2026 AT 10:00 A.M. CENTRAL TIME  
OLD BRECKINRIDGE COUNTY COURTHOUSE FRONT DOOR  
208 SOUTH MAIN STREET HARDINSBURG, KENTUCKY  
NOTICE OF SALE

MIDFIRST BANK PLAINTIFF VS. TYLER THOMPSON WASHBURN, ET AL. DEFENDANTS  
NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered January 22, 2026, the Master Commissioner will on March 9, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. or thereabouts, offer for sale the property described below. The property will 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 interest rate of 7.25% 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: 200 Oak Street, Cloverport, KY 40111 Parcel Identification Number: CP 1-15-1**

**Included is a manufactured home, 1999 Cavalier Homes model 5536AB, VIN: ALCA0399560S47293, which has been converted to real estate.**

The real estate will be appraised. The purpose of the sale is to satisfy a judgment in the amount of \$113,936.19 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 2026 and thereafter, and will be subject to all restrictions and easements of record.

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208 SOUTH MAIN STREET HARDINSBURG, KENTUCKY  
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BRECKINRIDGE CIRCUIT COURT, DIVISION II CIVIL ACTION NO. 25-CI-00001  
KENTUCKY HOUSING CORPORATION PLAINTIFF vs. NOTICE OF SALE SCOTT MILLS

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IDA L. MILLS DEFENDANTS  
By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered May 9, 2025, and by revised order to reschedule sale entered January 8, 2026, the Master Commissioner will on February 23, 2026, at 11:30 a.m. or thereabouts, offer for sale the property described below. The property will 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 interest rate of 4.375% 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: 206 West Caroline Street, Irvington, KY 40146 Parcel Identification Number: IR 2-16-3**

The real estate will be appraised. The purpose of the sale is to satisfy a judgment in the amount of \$ 43,327.52 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 subject to all restrictions and easements of record.

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