

# Fairy Tales Come to Life One Wand at a Time



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**10-year-old Brooke Watt and her 5-year-old brother Cooper show off their sparkling fairy wands created during the Fairy Garden event at the Butler County Public Library. The magical craft gave kids a chance to add their own creative touch to these whimsical garden decorations.**

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Banner Reporter

Something magical was happening at the Butler County Public Library on Thursday July 24th. Between 1:00 – 3:00pm children and adults were arriving to make their own special magical Fairy Garden Wands to put in their Fairy Gardens at home

Fairy Gardens are miniature gardens that portray a whimsical and enchanted world for fairies and gnomes.

These gardens are made to be beautiful and magical, some have miniature homes, plants, accessories and decorations added. The Fairy Garden Wands that were being made will be used as suncatchers. They are made with beautiful beads and crystals and are to be stuck in your garden for the sun to catch the vibrant colors that would be casted throughout your garden.

Have you ever thought about fairies, gnomes



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**Children and families gathered at the Butler County Public Library's Fairy Wand Station on Thursday, July 24, to create sparkling garden wands using beads and crystals. The colorful creations will be used as magical suncatchers in their Fairy Gardens at home.**

living and hiding in small spaces? Do we know for sure there are no such things? Fairy Gardens have been around since the 1920's and 30's and have been gaining popularity in the early 20th Century. These gardens give children

be a kid, adults can even have fun with it and really do some pretty decorations around their homes. Even if there may not be fairies and gnomes, these garden wands still make a pretty decoration for your flowerpots.

## LTC Connect announces 100% Fiberoptic Infrastructure

AUBURN, KY – LTC Connect is proud to announce that its network is now built out to a 100% fiberoptic infrastructure. This accomplishment comes after 12 years of continuous construction and converting customers to fiber, while investing over \$82.5 million, and enabling fiber service to more than 7,800 locations in south-central Kentucky. This fiber network spans over 917 miles of buried fiber to the premise.

Having access to a fully fiber, state-of-the-art network provides access to future technology growth for decades to come. This means customers will be able to stream and game online without lag, have an instant connection for video calls, have access to unlimited entertainment bandwidth, and seamless online

surfing.

To celebrate this great achievement, LTC Connect will be giving away 1 year of free 1 Gig Internet service to one of its members at their Annual Meeting on August 8, and then all members will be automatically entered for another drawing for 1 year of free 1 Gig Internet service, held on September 8.

LTC Connect now has also improved their broadband packages, added advanced business options, and added proactive network security and enhanced parental control tools to everyone's Internet account via the LTC Connect Commander app.

LTC Connect business customers can now take advantage of advanced new features with the new Smart Biz plans to help boost

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## Butler County Saddle Club Results

### Pee Wee Poles

1st place – Paislie Murphy

### Youth Poles

1st place – Kaylie Murphy

### Open Poles

1st place – Abby Potts

### Potato Race

1st place – Michael Belcher

### Milkcan Softball Race

1st place – Michael Belcher

### One Barrel Speed Race

1st place – Haley Pawley

### Pee Wee Barrels

1st place – Paislie Murphy

### Youth Barrels

1st place – Kamryn Heflin

2nd place – Addie Bush

3rd place – Kaylie Murphy

### Adult Barrels

1st place – Audrey Deweese

2nd place – Abby Potts

3rd place – Andrea Deweese

### Open Barrels

#### 1st Division

1st place – Audrey Deweese

2nd place – Abby Potts

#### 2nd Division

1st place – Karah Monroe

2nd place – Brilee Edge

#### 3rd Division

1st place – Marlee Milam

2nd place – Ashley Sturlini



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Exhibits will include Ferguson tractors, Gibson and Gravelly lawn tractors, and Economy engines, along with other brands of tractors and lawnmowers. Lawn, garden, tractor, and flea market collectors are encouraged to attend. Admission and parking are free, and vendors are welcome. For more information, contact Troy Dunn at 270-526-1184, Teddy Pharris at 270-999-0823, or Roger Tanner at 270-726-5155. Follow updates on Facebook at Butler County Antique Tractor & Engine Club.

### Chalk Art Festival

Join the 9th Annual West Ohio Street Chalk Art Festival on September 6, from 10 AM to 2 PM at 115 W. Ohio Street, Morgantown,

KY. Hosted by the Butler County Arts Guild, this vibrant community event is calling for artists and participants. For more information, contact 270-999-0834. Be a part of the fun.

### National Hispanic Heritage Month Festival

The City of Morgantown will present the National Hispanic Heritage Month Festival on Saturday, September 20, from 2 to 6 p.m. CST at Charles Black City Park. The celebration will include live music, face painting, a basketball and soccer tournament, bounce houses, and authentic food trucks. This family-friendly event honors Hispanic culture and traditions through vibrant entertainment and community fun.

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**LTC Connect**  
ANNUAL MEETING

Join Us! — Friday, August 8, 2025

LTC Connect will hold its Annual Meeting, Friday, August 8 at 7 p.m. at the Logan County Extension Office. Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. to be followed by the business meeting, prize drawing, and refreshments.

At the Annual Meeting, members will elect individuals to represent them on the board of directors. There are two positions to be determined. After the business meeting, a drawing will be held for cash and prizes for adults and children.

**All members of LTC Connect are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting, Friday, August 8, 2025.**



### PROJECT ENGINEERING BID NOTICE:

Provide engineering design services for the dam repair of Mud River Watershed Flood Retarding Structures, FRS #3 (Bond Lake), FRS #7 (T. Brown Lake), & FRS #27 (Moats Lick Lake) in Logan County, Kentucky. Professional services to include but not limited to site surveys, geotechnical investigation, laboratory testing, and deliverables (drawings, specifications, cost estimate, construction schedule, quality assurance plan, and as-built drawings). The scope of professional services may also include assistance with and/or preparation of construction bid documents. Bids shall be submitted separately for each structure.

Interested consultants are invited to a site showing scheduled for August 12-13, 2025. Tentative site showing schedule times and locations can be requested by email, wesley.wright@ky.nacdnet.net

Consultants' proposals will be due September 3, 2025 and will be evaluated by the selection committee based on the following:

1. Relative experience of consultant personnel assigned to the project team with major dam projects for NRCS and/or state, local or other federal governmental agencies. (35 Points)
2. Past record of performance on projects similar in type and complexity. (35 Points)
3. Project approach and proposed procedures to accomplish the services for the project. (15 Points)
4. Available team workload capacity to comply with project schedule. (10 Points)
5. Knowledge of the locality and familiarity of the general geographic area. (5 Points)

Bids may be mailed, or hand delivered to the Mud River Watershed Conservancy District, by 4:00PM, 253C Hopkinsville Road, Russellville, KY 42276 or email wesley.wright@ky.nacdnet.net, by September 3, 2025.

### Big Muddy Creek Flood Retarding Structure #3 Dam Repair Butler County, Kentucky Request for Engineering Services

Engineering design services are requested for the investigation and repair of a sinkhole on the upstream right abutment of Big Muddy Creek Flood Retarding Structure #3 in Butler County, Kentucky. Professional services to include but are not limited to site surveys, geotechnical investigation, laboratory testing, and 30%, 90%, and 100% design submittals (drawings, specifications, construction cost and schedule) and as-built drawings. Services are to be provided under the direction of a Kentucky Licensed Professional Engineer.

The scope of services shall also include time and cost to prepare construction bid documents and assist sponsor with bidding.

Interested consultants are invited to a site showing scheduled for August 12, 2025 at 10:00am with the meeting location at 37.07708 N, -86.77549 W.

Consultants' proposals will be due August 29, 2025 and will be evaluated by the selection committee based on the following:

1. Relative experience of consultant personnel assigned to the project team with major dam projects for NRCS and/or state, local or other federal governmental agencies. (35 Points)
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