

Nolan Chosen for 2025 James Madison Award

The 2025 James Madison Award recipient for service to the First Amendment is James F. (Jay) Nolan III, Chairman and CEO of Nolan Group Media and J Frank Publishing Inc. The School of Journalism and Media and its Scripps Howard First Amendment Center present the award annually.

Nolan, a native Kentuckian, serves as volunteer co-chair of the Kentucky Press Association's Government Affairs Committee. He has led the charge to promote "strong open meetings and open records laws that protect the public's right to know about operations of their government at every level," according to his nomination by Tom Caudill, the retired managing editor of the Lexington Herald-Leader and Kentucky.com.

"After the Kentucky House of Representatives in 2025 passed a bill that would severely limit public notices of government meetings and activities, Jay successfully mobilized and led strong opposition to the bill. The Senate did not even take a vote on the bill, thus keeping public notices readily available to the public," Caudill said. He also noted that Nolan and his family received recognition from the State Senate in March as the family celebrated 100 years in the newspaper industry.

Nolan is now committed to working with the Kentucky League of Cities and other groups to try to find common ground for new legislation that would be supported by both the KLC and KPA. The goal is to draft a bill updating public notice requirements using today's technological capabilities, making them easily accessible to as many people as possible.

Nolan's commitment to the First Amendment in Kentucky is longstanding, preceding his work to defeat this 2025 bill. "As KPA president in 2019, Jay launched a campaign to promote, in print and online, an educational series about the First Amendment—what it says, why it matters and how it impacts Kentuckians today. He actively campaigned to protect public notices, helping to keep notices in public newspapers in 112 of Kentucky's 120 counties," Caudill recounted.

In addition to his statewide efforts as KPA board member and president, Nolan has worked for decades at the local and regional levels to protect and support public notices, open meetings and open records. He has been a champion of these First Amendment causes in the individual communities where he has served as newspaper publisher and across Eastern Kentucky as CEO of a nine-newspaper group. His JFP printing plant in London prints 20 Kentucky newspapers.

"Since 1990, Jay has devoted his career to providing reliable, accurate local news and information—speaking truth to power and promoting open, transparent government at the city and county level." Caudill Said.

Nolan earned his Master of Business Administration from Pepperdine University in 1990 and Bachelor in Communications (with distinction) from the University of Kentucky in 1982. He and his wife, Claudia, reside near London, Kentucky.



Jay Nolan



77th Daniel Boone Festival

Echoes of the Wilderness

October 5-11, 2025

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, October 5, 2025

Daniel Boone Festival Baby Pageant 1:30 pm
Child School age \$1.00, Adult \$5.00 Knox Middle School Gym
Sponsored By and Proceeds go to KCMS Cheerleaders

Monday, October 6, 2025

Art, Photography, & Quilt Registration 5 – 7 pm
One Way 300 Ct. Sq. \$5.00 Entry Fee
Presentation and Coronation of the 2025 Royalty 7 pm
Knox Co. Middle School Gym, North Main Street
Admission: \$5.00, Child under 5 free,
Sponsored by and Proceeds go to: GFWC/KY/Jr Woman's Study Club

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

Art, Photography, & Quilt Registration 5 – 7 pm
One Way 300 Ct. Sq. \$5.00 Entry Fee
Window Judging
Carnival Begins 6 pm -11 pm

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

Window Display Awards Presented
Carnival Rides 4 - 11 pm
Pioneer Village Setup / Food Booths Begin 6 pm
Art, Photography, & Quilt Closed for Judging
Craft Village Setup City Parking Lot High Street behind Subway 5 - 8 pm

Thursday, October 9, 2025

Primitive Camp North Main St. 9 am - Late
Art, Photography, & Quilt Show 12 – 7 pm
Craft Village City Parking Lot High Street behind Subway 10 am - 8 pm
Pioneer Village / Food Booths 10 am - 11 pm
Baker Farm Molasses Making Knox Street 12 pm - 7 pm
Carnival Rides 2 pm - 11 pm
Bingo Daniel Boone & Liberty Street 5 - 10 pm

BOONE STAGE (THURSDAY)

Big Wheel Race 5:30 pm
Talent Reg. 7-7pm Show8:00 pm
KY Best Chicken Dumplings Semifinals
Check-in 6-6:30 pm

Friday, October 10, 2025

Craft Village Setup City Parking Lot High Street behind Subway 5 - 8 pm
Primitive Camp North Main St. 9 am - Late
Art, Photography, & Quilt Show 11 am – 7 pm
Pioneer Village / Food Booths 10 am - 11 pm
Baker Farm Molasses Making Knox Street 12 pm - 7 pm
Carnival Rides 12 pm- 11 pm

BOONE STAGE

NATIVE AMERICAN 2:00 pm
Zach's Banjo 3:15 pm
His Anointed Ones 4:00 pm
UCU Theatre 4:30 pm
Kevin Wilson Band 6:30 pm
NATIVE AMERICANS 8:00 pm



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Bingo Daniel Boone & Liberty Street 5 - 11 pm

Friday, October 10, 2025

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DANIEL BOONE FESTIVAL FEAST

Food, Signing of the Cane Treaty,
Native American Entertainment,
Friendship Dance and More
Knox County Middle School Gym, North Main Street
5:30 pm Tickets: Sold at information booth until sold out

CONCERT STAGE

County Wide 6:30 pm
Darryl Worley 8:30 pm

Saturday, October 11, 2025

Pancake Breakfast 6:30 am - 10:30 am
Jesse D. Lay Cafeteria, Tickets available at door

Sponsored by and Proceeds go to the Barbourville Fire Dept.
Daniel Boone 2 Mile Run Union Comm. Univ. Student Center Reg. 7 am
Race 8 am

Antique Car Show 20 years old or older 9 am
Barbourville City Park, Entry Fee Req. Judging 11 am – 12:30 pm

Sponsored by: Tim & Betty Jackson
Craft Village City Parking Lot High Street behind Subway 10 am - 7 pm
Primitive Camp North Main St. 9 am - Late

Baker Farm Molasses Making Knox Street 10 am - 7 pm
Pioneer Village / Food Booths 10 am - 10 pm
Long Rifle Shoot Registration Shooter Fee \$10.00 9:30 am
Long Rifle Shoot 10 am

Best Dressed Man, Woman, Boy, and Girl Contest
Lay Field • Free admission

Art, Photography, & Quilt Show 11 am – 5 pm
Carnival Rides 12 Noon- 11 pm
Bingo Daniel Boone & Liberty Street 5 - 11 pm

BOONE STAGE

Best Dressed 10:30 am
Native Americans Entertainment11:00 am
KY Best Chicken Dumplings Finals 12:00 pm
Pine Mountain Dancers 1:20 pm

PARADE LINE UP BEGINS:

Floats 11:00 am Bands 1:00 pm
Horses 1:45 pm Antique Car 1:45 pm
(limited to car show entries)

Daniel Boone Festival Parade
2:00 pm

BOONE STAGE

City 514 Band4:00 pm
UCU Theatre 6:00 pm
Native Americans Entertainment8:00 pm

CONCERT STAGE

Paint Creek 6:30 pm
T. Graham Brown 8:30 pm

FOOD BOOTHS CLOSE AT 10 PM
CARNIVAL RIDES CLOSE AT 11 PM

Last Show for the Season!

The Grand Prize White Chevy Truck will be Given Away Saturday!
The more cruise-ins you enter, the more chances you will have to win.

PRIZE SIMILAR TO TRUCK PICTURED.





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CRUISE-IN

4 PM - 8 PM

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