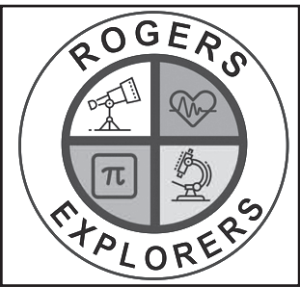


Center for Rural Development accepting applications for 2026 Rogers Scholars and Rogers Explorers Programs



Eligible students must live within The Center’s 45-county primary service area, which includes Clinton County. Applications for both Rogers Scholars and Rogers Explorers must be submitted online by January 31, 2026, at www.centeryouthprograms.com. For more information, contact Amber Decker or Amy Ellis at 606-677-6000 or email youth@centertech.com. *Established in 1996 through the vision of U.S. Congressman Harold “Hal” Rogers, (KY-05), and other leaders, The Center for Rural Development is a nonprofit organization fueled by a mission to provide leadership that stimulates innovative and sustainable economic development solutions and a better way of life in Southern and Eastern Kentucky. In its 45-county primary service region, The Center provides innovative programs in leadership, public safety, technology, and arts and culture. The Center is committed to constantly expanding its capabilities in order to deliver a range of key services throughout Kentucky and the nation.*

Third infant ‘whooping cough’ death reported in Kentucky in 12 months; health officials urge vaccinations

By Melissa Patrick, Kentucky Health News

State health officials have announced that a third infant has died from pertussis, or whooping cough, in Kentucky in the past 12 months.

“We are deeply saddened to learn of another infant death in Kentucky due to pertussis and are concerned by the volume of cases we are seeing throughout the Commonwealth,” Dr. Steven Stack, secretary of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, said in a news release.

As of November 19, the state health department reports that there have been 566 cases of whooping cough identified in Kentucky, with health officials anticipating additional cases in the final weeks of the year.

The Kentucky Department for Public Health reports that none of the three infants who died from whooping cough had been vaccinated, nor had their mothers.

The three infant deaths from whooping cough are the Commonwealth’s first whooping cough deaths reported since 2018.

KDPH has warned Kentuckians about the rising threat of whooping cough, noting the largest spike in cases reported in the Commonwealth since 2012. The increases are due, in part, to the national decline in vaccination rates, according to the release.

“We continue to urge Kentuckians to get their whooping cough vaccine and to make sure they are up to date on all other recommended immunizations,” Stack said. “Many illnesses can be prevented through vaccination, which helps protect not only the individual but also those around them.”

Vaccination recommendations

The pertussis immunization is combined with the tetanus and diphtheria vaccines (DTaP and Tdap). Infants can receive the DTaP vaccine at the age of two months. The

Tdap vaccine is recommended for women during pregnancy to help provide early protection for the baby.

Whooping cough vaccination is required for Kentucky school children. However, data from the 2024-2025 Kentucky school immunization survey indicate that only 86 percent of kindergarteners and 85 percent of seventh graders are up to date on their required whooping cough vaccines.

Health officials encourage everyone to remain up to date with their pertussis vaccines. This includes:

- All pregnant women should be immunized during every pregnancy to protect their babies.
- Infants should be immunized when they are two months, four months, six months and 12 to 15 months old.
- Children should be immunized before starting kindergarten.
- Older children should be immunized when 11 to 12 years old.
- Teens and adults should be immunized at least every 10 years or sooner if an injury occurs, or to protect a newborn.

Other ways to prevent the spread of whooping cough and other infectious illnesses include washing hands often, covering coughs and sneezes, and staying home when sick.

Symptoms of whooping cough can vary based on age and vaccination status, but typically begin with a runny or congested nose and mild coughing. After one to two weeks, the cough can progress to rapid, violent coughing fits that may cause the characteristic “whooping” sound, vomiting or labored breathing.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that Donna Stuber was appointed by the Clinton District Court on November 25, 2025, as Administratrix of the Estate of James Robert Holsapple, deceased. Any and all persons having claims against, or owing sums to, said estate are required to present same, properly proven and verified according to law, to the office of the Clerk, Clinton District Court, Albany, Kentucky and to: Donna Stuber, 296 Woodland Park Way, Moundville, Alabama 35474 or to Hon. Gary A. Little, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 68, Albany, Kentucky 42602, within six (6) months from the above date.

Public Notice

Shelton Grocery hereby declares its intention to apply for a tobacco, nicotine, or vapor product license no later than December 30, 2025. The licensed premises will be located at 3655 Hwy 829, Albany, Kentucky 42602. The owner is Judy L. Schmenk, 1107 Sheltontown Road, Albany, Kentucky 42602. Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the granting of the license by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 500 Mero Street, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, within thirty (30) days of the date of legal publication.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Clinton County Fiscal Court

Clinton County KPDI – Sewer Project

Separate sealed bids for the construction of this contract will be received by the Clinton County Fiscal Court, 100 South Cross Street, Albany, KY 42602, until Monday, January 12, 2026, 2:00 P.M. CST.

Immediately following the scheduled closing time for reception of bids, all proposals which have been submitted in accordance with the conditions set forth will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Clinton County Courthouse, 100 South Cross Street, Albany, KY 42602.

The work for bid consists of:

The Project will consist of replacing approximately 6,020 LF of 2” HDPE DR11 force main sewer. The Contractor shall furnish all materials, equipment and labor necessary to complete the construction of the project. Time of completion for the contract is 120 calendar days.

Sealed proposals for the Contracts shall be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope as follows:

Sealed Proposal For:
Clinton County Fiscal Court
Clinton County KPDI Sewer Project
Not to be opened until January 12th, 2026, 2:00 P.M. CST

If forwarded by mail, the sealed envelope containing the proposal must be enclosed in another envelope and mailed to allow sufficient time for such mailing to reach this address, 100 South Cross Street., Albany, KY 42602, prior to the scheduled closing time for receipt of proposals.

Plans and specifications may be acquired on or after December 10, 2025. Plans and Contract Documents will be distributed electronically by Precision Engineering at no charge. Hardcopies (paper) may be requested and furnished upon receipt of \$250.00 per set. Email all inquiries to tucker@pe-rmje.com.

Bids shall be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond made payable to Clinton County Fiscal Court in an amount not less than 5 percent of the base bid. No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of 90 days after the date bids are opened. He may, however, withdraw his bid at any time prior to the time and date scheduled for opening of same or any authorized postponement thereof. Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered and will be returned unopened to the bidder.

Award will be made to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder.

The Clinton County Fiscal Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that Gale Bachman, Executrix of the estate of Vincent Taylor, deceased, has filed final settlement as said Executrix. A hearing will be held on January 13, 2026 at 9 a.m. If no exceptions are filed to same, same shall be put to record. This 8th day of December, 2025.

Jake Staton, Clerk

Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that Joseph Robert Patrick, Executor of the estate of Virginia Patrick, deceased, has filed final settlement as said Executor. A hearing will be held on January 20, 2026 at 9 a.m. If no exceptions are filed to same, same shall be put to record. This 3rd day of December, 2025.

Jake Staton, Clerk

Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that Sharon Fussell was appointed by the Clinton District Court on December 4, 2025, as Executrix of the Estate of Marie Fussell, deceased. Any and all persons having claims against, or owing sums to, said estate are required to present same, properly proven and verified according to law, to the office of the Clerk, Clinton District Court, Albany, Kentucky and to: Sharon Fussell, of 424 Smith Creek Drive, Albany, Kentucky 42602 or to Hon. Gary A. Little, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 68, Albany, Kentucky 42602, within six (6) months from the above date.