

April is National Donate Life Month: Honoring the Lifesaving Gift of Organ, Eye, and Tissue Donation

By **Tommy Garrett Metcalfe Co. Circuit Court Clerk**

Each April, the Circuit Court Clerks of Kentucky lead the celebration of National Donate Life Month — a time to honor the generous gift of donation and increase education about the critical need for organ, eye, and tissue donors.

This April, Donate Life Kentucky Trust is proud to share powerful local impact: In 2023 alone, 320 lives were saved through transplants at UK and UofL Jewish Hospitals—and 192 of those lifesaving organs came from registered donors.

“These numbers are extraordinary,” said Tommy Garrett, Metcalfe Co. Circuit Clerk. “That’s 192 people who made a selfless decision during their lifetime—one that became a miracle for someone else. Our Donate Life Kentucky Trust organization and our supporters have worked tirelessly to inspire and educate Kentuckians since 1992. These efforts are literally saving lives. It fills me with pride and gratitude.”

Behind every registered donor is the possibility of healing. Sadly, when individuals are not registered, families are often hesitant to say “yes” during times of tragedy. Registering in advance brings clarity and compassion—and increases the chance

that lives will be saved. Everyone is encouraged to share your generous decision with your family.

This month, Donate Life Kentucky Trust also celebrates a new milestone in accessibility: the MyChart Patient Portal now connects directly to the National Donate Life Registry, making it easier than ever for patients to register as donors with just a few clicks.

This year’s Donate Life Month theme is “Let Life Sing!” featuring artwork inspired by birds—symbols of hope, renewal, and messages from those we’ve lost.

As spring returns, so does Kentucky’s commitment to honoring the life and legacy of donors.

Ways to Participate in National Donate Life Month 2025:

- Register your decision to be an organ, eye, and tissue donor at the KYTC Regional Driver’s License Office, on RegisterMe.org, or in your iPhone Health app. Make sure you tell your family of your decision.
- Educate your family and friends on the impact of donation and encourage them to Register.

- Explore living donation as a way to give the gift of life while still living.

- Shine a Light on donation and

transplantation by lighting up your home in blue & green. Tag @donatelifekentucky in photos on social media.

April Events to Celebrate the Donate Life Mission:

- Donate Life Blue & Green Spirit Week – April 5–12, 2025

A week of daily themes dedicated to outreach, appreciation, and education.

- National Donate Life Blue & Green Day – April 11, 2025

Wear blue and green to raise awareness and join the national photo contest!

- National Pediatric Transplant Week – April 20–26, 2025

A week focused on ending the pediatric transplant waiting list and recognizing children’s hospitals across the region for their lifesaving work.

About Donate Life Kentucky Trust
Founded in 1992 by the Circuit Clerks of Kentucky, Donate Life Kentucky Trust is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that provides vital funds for transplant patients and donor families and increases public education to grow the Donor Registry through scholarships, driver’s license education, and more.

Learn more by going to www.donatelifeky.org or text or call 1-502-694-3015.

Attorney General Coleman Protects Veterans’ G.I. Bill Benefits

Office of Attorney General Russell Coleman

Attorney General Russell Coleman is urging a federal court to restore two veterans’ education benefits they earned despite the objection of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. General Coleman and every other attorney general in the country filed a brief with the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims in support of U.S. Army veteran Lieutenant Colonel Paul Yoon and U.S. Air Force veteran Colonel Toby Doran.

Since 1944, Congress has passed several laws, commonly known as “G.I. Bills”, to provide for educational and other benefits for those who served in uniform. Kentucky is home to nearly 300,000 veterans.

In their brief, the attorneys general argue that the VA has adopted an

overly restrictive interpretation of the G.I. Bills that contradicts the U.S. Supreme Court’s recent ruling in Rudisill v. McDonough. That decision confirmed that veterans who qualify are entitled to a full 48 months of education benefits.

Despite this clear precedent, the VA continues to unlawfully limit benefits, depriving veterans and their families of critical educational opportunities.

“The courageous men and women who wore our country’s uniform deserve our respect, gratitude and the benefits they’ve earned. Along with attorneys general from all 50 states, I’m proud to stand up for those who sacrificed to keep our families safe and free,” said Attorney General Coleman. “These veterans lived up to their end of the bargain, it’s time for

the VA to do the same.”

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

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By virtue of Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Hart Circuit Court in the cases listed below, the following properties located in Hart County, Kentucky, shall be sold at the Hart County Judicial Center in Munfordville, Hart County, Kentucky, on Wednesday, April 23rd, 2025, at 9:00 A.M., (Central Time), and being more particularly described as follows:

14100 Poteet Road, Horse Cave, KY 42749
Deed Book 330, Page 530, PVA # 026.00-00025
Peoples Bank v. Dora Lynn Norman, et al
Civil Action No. 24-CI-00175

and

311 Hillwood Road, Cave City, KY 42127
Deed Book 198, Page 364, PVA # 038-01-00-016.00
U.S. National Bank vs. Unknown Heirs Devisees Legatees, Beneficiaries of JoAnne Jaggars, e.a.
Civil Action No. 24-CI-00187

At the time of sale the successful bidder shall either pay full cash or make a deposit of 10% of the purchase price. If, as the successful bidder, you only pay 10% down, you must have a Kentucky Bank to act as unconditional surety on the remaining 90% of the purchase price, plus interest pursuant to the terms of the judgment, which must be paid within 30 days of the Sale date. (The necessary surety form can be obtained at the Master Commissioner’s office). The Surety MUST BE PRE-APPROVED by the Master Commissioner’s office no later than 12:00 noon on the Friday immediately preceding the sale date to secure the unpaid balance of the purchase price. A Loan Officer from the pre-approved Kentucky Bank must sign the surety bond at the sale. In the event the successful bidder is the Plaintiff, then in lieu of the deposit, that Plaintiff shall be allowed to bid on credit up to the judgment amount. NO FAXED OR EMAILED BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

The buyer will be responsible for taxes for the year of the sale. The property shall be sold free and clear of all parties named in the above-styled action, but subject to the following: any lien not included in the suit, recorded easements, rights of way, any facts which an inspection or accurate survey might reveal, and the planning and zoning regulations of Hart County, Kentucky. The Master Commissioner does not obtain title inspections or investigate for further liens on the property. The purchaser is responsible for title inspection and/or any additional liens not named in the Judgment and Order of Sale. It is recommended that a title search be done prior to the sale.

The purchaser may take possession of the property pursuant to the terms of the judgment. If the judgment does not make provision for possession, the buyer may seek possession of the property through the court system after payment of the full purchase price. The Master Commissioner does not have ability to grant access or possession of the property. The Plaintiff, the Court, and the Master Commissioner shall not be deemed to have warranted title to any purchaser. Said property is sold subject to the Judgment and Order of Sale in these cases which shall be reviewed carefully prior to purchase.

Bidders shall be prepared to promptly comply with the above terms. For updates and information on sale cancellations, please refer to the Master Commissioner information located at www.hartcountykymastercommissioner.com.

This the 3rd day of April, 2025.

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