

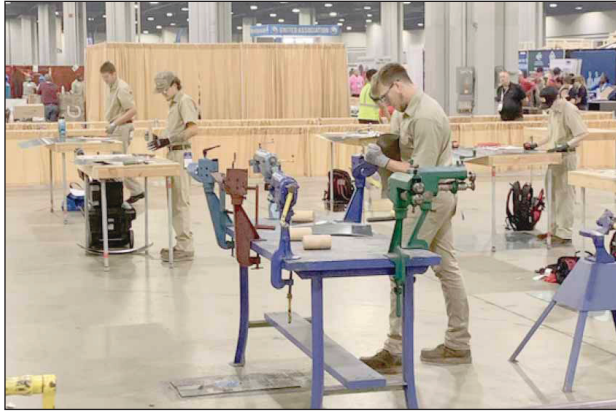
2025 SkillsUSA Championship

By **Jennifer Ginn**
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Kentucky students took home several awards during the 2025 SkillsUSA Championships in Atlanta on June 23-27.

SkillsUSA is the No. 1 workforce development organization for students, empowering them to become skilled professionals, career-ready leaders, and responsible community members. SkillsUSA Kentucky serves more than 3,500 students and instructors each year in middle schools, high schools, and postsecondary schools.

The SkillsUSA Championships is the premier showcase of America's most highly skilled career and technical education



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Metcalfe students among 79 from Kentucky who competed.

students. It's also one of the largest hands-on workforce development events in the world. Held in conjunction with SkillsUSA's National Leadership & Skills Conference each June, the event features more than 6,700 state champions from across the United States, competing head-to-head in 114

skilled and leadership competitions.

The SkillsUSA Championships is the national culmination of a year-long process that begins in local SkillsUSA chapters across the country. Local winners advance to district or regional

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Perhaps it is my fantasy-filled mind, but I have long thought the United States of America was established (soon to be 250 years ago) to evangelize to the world. In such a case, might we consider the USA a God chosen nation?

If this thought and assumption on my part are true, has God changed His mind? We have gone so far off the rails that it appears we may be the next Sodom and Gomorrah of world history.

So, once again, "Has God changed His mind?" We know God can change His thinking based on scriptural references. God said He regretted making Saul the first king of Israel.

1 Samuel 15: 11a (ESV) "I regret that I have made Saul king, for he has turned back from following me and has not performed my commandments."

Before the global cataclysmic flood of Noah, God made another interesting statement. Genesis 6: 6 "And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart." God stated His regret for creating man in this verse. This is a case in which we

see if our Creator God becomes disgusted enough with us, we can kiss this earth and our lives goodbye.

At any rate and considering the state of America today and much of the western world, were we once God's chosen to preach "This Gospel" to the world? And because of our straying from Him, that status has changed?

We have the technology, the financial ability, and the expertise to teach the Kingdom of God to the entire world. We have the communications abilities, the travel abilities, and the knowledge (Daniel 12: 4).

But our priorities have changed and this was not the will of God. For us to stray off course from His intended purpose for us is an abomination in itself.

We find the American population drifting farther and farther away from our Creator God. A recent survey concluded that as many as forty million Americans claim to believe there is no god and that number is continually increasing.

We do indeed chase after other gods, and

that was the reason, in most cases, why Israel was punished in Old Testament history.

Those gods of materialism and abundance have blinded us to our temporal existence. To contemplate a spiritual, eternal existence is not within the grasp of our carnal minds.

We are living for the moment and the day. Every day is the first day of the rest of our lives and our focus has degraded to self-aggrandizement rather than the will of our Creator God.

Can this change? Of course it can!

2 Chronicles 7: 14 *"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."*

It's not too late unless we allow it to be too late!

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Kentucky State Police Kick Off Youth Academy Program

By **Sherry Bray**
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July 28,, Gov. Andy Beshear marked the beginning of the second annual Kentucky State Police (KSP) Youth Academy Program, a program aimed at introducing teenagers to the foundational principles of law enforcement. The program is designed to help teens explore career opportunities in policing while building confidence, leadership and teamwork.

"Building relationships between law enforcement and young Kentuckians is the best way to build trust in law enforcement while recruiting and preparing tomorrow's brave first responders," Gov. Beshear said. "This program will allow us to continue building that trust, while also creating a safer Kentucky for all our people."

The immersive, week-long program is held at Trooper Island Camp on Dale Hollow Lake and provides 16- and 17-year-olds with an opportunity to learn directly from state troopers, detectives, instructors and support staff. Throughout the week, cadets engage in physical training, classroom

instruction and hands-on activities that reflect real-life responsibilities of law enforcement professionals.

"This initiative is more than a summer camp; it is an early step in the recruitment pipeline," KSP Commissioner Phillip Burnett Jr. said. "We want these young men and women to walk away feeling inspired, capable and informed about what it takes to join the Kentucky State Police, whether that is a sworn or civilian role."

During the week-long program, which began today and runs through Aug. 1, participants will engage in activities and instruction, including:

- Exploration of core values and ethics fundamental to law enforcement.

- Team-building exercises to cultivate collaboration and camaraderie.

- Hands-on demonstrations from the KSP Crime Lab to understand forensic techniques.

- Insight into commercial vehicle enforcement procedures and techniques.

- Introduction to criminal investigations and

crime scene analysis.

"Watching these teens develop throughout the week is powerful," Youth Academy Coordinator Scott Ferrell said. "They come in curious and leave with a clearer understanding of themselves, their strengths and the demands of a law enforcement career."

In 2024, 23 Kentuckians graduated from the Youth Academy Program. KSP launched this innovative program last year as part of a broader strategy to strengthen recruitment efforts and to deepen community outreach with Kentucky's youth. The agency remains committed to developing initiatives that foster interest in public safety careers and reflect the values of service, community and integrity. For more information about the Youth Academy Program or how to apply for future sessions, visit KSP's website.

The Beshear-Coleman administration is committed to making Kentucky a national leader in public safety by increasing access to addiction resources, improving second chance opportunities, providing support and enhanced training to law enforcement officers and boosting the economy.

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**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
METCALFE CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 25-CI-00074
COMMISSIONER'S SALE ON
AUGUST 21, 2025, AT 12:00 NOON**

**KENTUCKY HOUSING CORPORATION
PLAINTIFF
VS
JUSTIN HAMLETT
RESPONDENTS**

By Virtue of Judgment in the Case Set Forth: I shall sell to the highest and best bidder at the time and place above, the following real estate and improvements thereon in Metcalfe County, located at **380 Cork Gascon Road, Edmonton KY, Metcalfe, Kentucky, PVA Map ID #057-00-00-035.01, consisting of 1/2 acre, more or less.** Justin Hamlett derived title by deed dated July 26, 2022, and recorded in Deed Book 177, Page 270, in the Office of the Metcalfe County Court Clerk.

To be sold on AUGUST 21, 2025, at 12:00 noon at the Metcalfe County Judicial Center.

This property is being sold pursuant to a foreclosure action. **KENTUCKY HOUSING CORPORATION** was granted a Judgment against the Respondent in the amount of \$131,797.45, plus fees and costs, with interest accruing at the rate of 6.0%. Plaintiffs' liens are adjudged to be prior and superior to the interests of Respondent, and the property is being sold free and clear of any interest of Respondent. From the proceeds and bond interest the Master Commissioner will pay the costs and fees of the sale plus the payment of the Ad Valorem Tax Bills, including those parties' costs and attorney's fees and any remaining funds will be held until further orders of the Circuit Judge. **The subject property cannot be divided without materially impairing its value and will be sold in its entirety.** ALL PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO ANY/ALL EXISTING R/WS AND EASEMENTS. ANY SALE MAY BE CANCELLED WITHOUT NOTICE. THE COURT, COMMISSIONER AND PARTIES TO THE PROCEEDINGS ARE NOT LEGALLY BOUND BY THE ADVERTISEMENT AND THE CONTENTS OF THE COURT JUDGMENT AND ORDER OF SALE CONTROL. UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE WE ARE UNABLE TO SHOW THE INTERIOR OR EXTERIOR OF ANY PROPERTY THE PLAINTIFF, THE MASTER COMMISSIONER AND THE COURT SHALL NOT BE DEEMED TO HAVE WARRANTED TITLE OF THE REAL ESTATE TO THE PURCHASER. **For the Purchase price,** purchaser may pay cash, or may pay 10% of the purchase price in cash, with the balance of the purchase price secured by a purchase money bond due in thirty (30) days, with good and approved surety on the bond, and bearing interest at the rate of 6% per annum from date of sale until paid, said bond to have the same for and effect as a judgment and remain a prop and superior lien on the property until fully paid. This sale is without warranty of any kind. Purchaser is responsible for the purchase of insurance for the protection of the property post sale and is responsible for paying the 2025 and all following years' ad valorem tax bills. The purchaser is buying property subject to all restrictions, covenants, and easements of record in the office of the Metcalfe County Clerk. Upon payment and delivery of Deed the purchaser shall be entitled to all rights of ownership of the property. The property will be sold free and clear of all rights, liens, interests and claims of all parties hereto. The property shall be sold with the improvements thereon, "as is". Bidders shall be prepared to promptly comply with the terms of the sale.

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