

Colonel

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played a role in his community involvement; namely, that it showed him he excelled in electronics and communications.

“I couldn’t plug two extension cords together. I mean, it’s like, what does that mean? Well, once I got out, then I went to AT&T, and my entire career was in communications and electronics. And to me, wow, what a surprise, but it was also a natural for me because that’s evidently what my aptitude was,” he explained.

Lawrence stated that the military also teaches you to manage people and handle tough situations.

“It’s not for everybody, it’s really not. But it can give you a direction and teach you teamwork and what direction and how to get there,” he said.

When asked if he had advice for future honorees, Lawrence admitted that he had not sought out the award.

“I certainly didn’t. I appreciate it and I understood it, but it’s not something I set my sights on. It’s really a culmination of what you’ve dedicated yourself to,” he explained. “There’s a lot of ‘thank you’s’ and appreciation and satisfaction along the way. And like I said, that’s just a culmination, not something you work towards. It’s just a result of what you did. And I’d like to see that people start to join things and participate in our community. A lot of the organizations I belong to, you don’t see any young people there.”

He advised young people to get to know their

community and potentially seek out older members for guidance on how to participate.

“If you want to, there’s things for you to do, there’s plenty to do. And the community needs every ounce of energy somebody’s got, they really do. And you just need to know how to set your boundaries and what your limits are, and don’t let it affect your job, don’t let it affect your home, make it your extra time and go in that,” Lawrence expressed. “But if you do something you want to do, the satisfaction is overwhelming. If you’re forced into doing something, it just doesn’t work well, just doesn’t.”

He added that if there is anything he would like to come out of this, it would be to see young people commit to their community and participate.

Lawrence then stated that being a Kentucky Colonel means being someone who has dedicated themselves to community betterment. His grandfather was a sheriff, his uncle was a chief of police and his father was a state trooper. He claimed that public service is all he has ever known.

“You can’t get it if you didn’t participate, and getting recognized that you did is wonderful. But you know, at my age, that’s not something I expected or something I work for,” he said. “I’ve been doing a whole lot more than a lot of people would have known, and somebody picked up on it and did something with it.

“Again, it’s mentoring. Who recognizes what you’re doing? And there’s always somebody out there that can lift you up that next step, that next level, and say, ‘Well, I can

take you here.’ You’ve got the responsibility yourself as a Kentucky Colonel or as anybody else, someone my age, to sit there and say, ‘Have you thought about this, and if you think about this, this is where you can go with it.’”

Lawrence explained that community participation is necessary, especially in events such as food drives, river clean-ups and more.

“You can join a group, and all of a sudden you got 25 people wanting to do the same thing you do. Well, that’s exciting. And you kind of go along with the team. And that’s what I enjoy, is watching people mature into something that they found they’re interested in,” he said.

Lawrence stated that because the community played a part in him being honored, he wanted to dedicate his award to the community.

Lawrence is on the CASA Board of Directors, the Board of Directors for Hayswood Home Health, is the Chairman of the RSVP Advisory Council Board, a member of the Joint Planning Commission, a past chairman of the Tourism Board, a past member of the Code Enforcement Commission, a member of the Franklin Soulesley Foundation Board of Directors, the VFW, Maysville Rotary International, is the Vice President of the FOPA Lodge Five, US JCI Senator of Ky. and Mich., Oddfellow DeKalb Lodge and a Trustee of the Shepherd House Church.

Lawrence is also a disabled Vietnam veteran, a father of six, grandfather to five granddaughters and is married to his wife, Margaret Diann Lawrence.

Wayback Wednesday



Photo provided by Ron Bailey

The Toll Booth in flood waters on the Simon Kenton bridge.

Scholarships available for state’s Ag Athlete of Year

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Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Kentucky student-athletes who are involved in agriculture are invited to apply for one of six scholarships and recognition as a 2026 Kentucky Ag Athlete of the Year.

The program is a partnership of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) and the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA).

“The hard work it takes to be a successful athlete is the same type of work that contributes to being a success in the agriculture field,” Commissioner of Agriculture Jonathan Shell said. “Discipline, teamwork, patience, and goal setting are just both in sports and agriculture. We are pleased to join our partners at the

KHSAA to once again honor these attributes and reward the Commonwealth’s best young athletes and agriculturists.”

To qualify, student-athletes must be involved in Kentucky agriculture; must participate in one or more KHSAA sports or sport activities during the 2025-2026 school year; must be graduating seniors in high school; and must be accepted to a college, university, or trade school following graduation. An agriculture major is not required, and preference will be given to Kentucky colleges; however, out-of-state schools will be considered if the applicant is seeking a specialized degree in an agricultural field.

Two student-athletes – one male and one female – will be named Outstanding Kentucky Ag Athletes of the Year and

will be awarded \$2,000 scholarships. Four student-athletes – two males and two females – will be awarded \$1,000 scholarships as Kentucky Ag Athletes of the Year. Winners will be announced at the 2026 UK HealthCare Boys’ Sweet Sixteen in March at Rupp Arena in Lexington.

The scholarships are payable to an institution of higher learning. Funding for the scholarships comes from the KDA’s “Ag Tag” program, which is fueled by voluntary donations from Kentucky motorists when they buy or renew their farm vehicle license plate. No state taxpayer dollars are used to fund the scholarship awards.

To apply online, go to form.jotform.com/253065526181051. The deadline for student-athletes to apply is Dec. 31, 2025.

DATEBOOK

SATURDAY, NOV. 29
SHANNON GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH ANNUAL CHILI SUPPER AND AUCTION — Shannon Global Methodist Church Annual Chili Supper and Auction, Mays’Lick Fire Dept. 5:30 chili and soup supper, 6:30 p.m. homemade baked goods and craft auction.

ONCE UPON A CHRISTMAS — 6 p.m., Hickory Grove Christian Holiness Church, benefit concert for lend a helping hand pantry.

SUNDAY, NOV. 30
FREE CHRISTMAS CONCERT — 3 p.m., The Orangeburg Methodist Church, 7119 Orangeburg Rd. Maysville. Performed by the Orangeburg Community Choir.

FRIDAY, DEC. 5
TWILIGHT CHRISTMAS PARADE — 6:30 p.m., Downtown Historic District

SATURDAY, DEC. 6
RUSSELL THEATRE PRESENTS — 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., White Christmas.

SUNDAY, DEC. 7
RUSSELL THEATRE PRESENTS — 2 p.m., White Christmas.

TUESDAY, DEC. 9
FLEMING COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK-MOBILE — stops at Ewing Road, Deer Lick Road, Junction Road, Days Mill Road, Harris Lane and Maxey Flat.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 10
FLEMING COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK-MOBILE — stops at Morehead Road, Muses Mill Road, Logan Lane and Seacrest Crossing.

THURSDAY, DEC. 11
FLEMING COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK-MOBILE — stops at Perkins Lane, Hillside Drive, Mount Carmel Road, Logan Run Road and Harn Road.
FLEMING COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY CHRISTMAS SOCIAL — 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., live music, door prizes, hot chocolate and cookies, all ages welcome,

free event, RSVP at 606-845-7851, dress accordingly.

SUNDAY, DEC. 14
SHEPHERD’S HOUSE CHRISTMAS GALA — 6 p.m. until 8 p.m., Harriett Groh and Mike Huff will be singing with entertainment for the whole family, come celebrate “The Reason for the Season.”

SEDDON GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH — “A Child is Born” Christmas musical, 6 p.m., refreshments served following performance, 1317 Forest Avenue (corner of Forest and Broadway).

TUESDAY, DEC. 16
OWL CLUB MEETING — 6:30 p.m., DeSha’s.

FRIDAY, DEC. 19
FLEMING COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK-MOBILE — stops at Poplar Grove Road, Turner Road, Springdale Drive and Cherry Grove Road.

SUNDAY, DEC. 21
LIMESTONE CHORALE HOLIDAY CONCERT — 3 p.m., First Presbyterian Church.

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THURSDAY, JAN. 29
FLEMING COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK-MOBILE — stops at Beechburg Road, Garrett Road, Pleasant Valley Road, Beechy Creek Road, Burtonville Road and Foxport Road.

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ABERDEEN COUNCIL — 6:30 p.m., third Thursday of the month, council room, Aberdeen, Ohio.
ALL THINGS MAYSVILLE — Every Tuesday, 1-2:30 p.m., Ron Bailey. Kentucky Gateway Museum Center.
ALZHEIMER SUPPORT GROUP — 5:30 p.m., St. Paul Trinity Apartments, 665 Kenton Station Road,



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