

# Onton Hay Days Is Saturday

The annual Onton Hay Days festival will open Saturday morning with a variety of events for young and old alike.

Events will kick off on Saturday with a 5K run/walk at 8:00 a.m.; participants will gather at the fire department at 7:30 to register for the race.

The day will start with a pancake breakfast in the fire barn from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m.

Quilts for the quilt show may be dropped off between 8:00 and 10:00 a.m., and registration for the baby pageants will begin at 9:00 a.m. with the pageants to follow at 9:30 a.m. for boys birth to three years and girls birth to 12 years. Children are asked to wear Sunday dress attire.

The quilt show will begin at 10:00 a.m. and continue through 2:00 p.m. in the church basement, and a corn hole tournament will be held at beginning at 10:30.

The Hay Days parade, a festival favorite, will make its way through the festival crowd at 11:00 a.m. Snack booths will open at 10:00 a.m. with lunch served at the fire barn beginning at 11:00.

The kids will want to come out for the kiddie tractor pull scheduled for 1:00 p.m. and adults will enjoy the chili cook-off in the fire barn dining area at 1:00 p.m.

Following the kiddie tractor pull a Kiddie Country Olympics will be held for children and youth up to 15 years of age—there will even be some adult Olympics.

Waylon Howard is scheduled to bring live music starting at 3:00 p.m. followed by a cupcake/cake walk at 5:00.

One of the festival’s most popular events, the Cruise-in Car Show begins at 5:00 and continues until 9:00 p.m.. The Breed Band will play 70’s and 80’s classic rock from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. with Hunter Redfern performing during the band’s break

Food, crafts and vendors may set up free of charge if no electricity is needed, and game booths will be open throughout the day.

To reserve booth space call 270-635-0899, 270-635-5887 or 270-871-9143. Proceeds from Onton Hay Days are used for local emergencies and to finance Onton Hay Days activities.

## Coming Home

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early 1944. He had also sustained injuries in July of 1944, earning a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star, but the information was still not enough to connect his name to the remains.

Researchers returned to the billfold and contacted the manufacturer, but the owner of the wallet had not registered it, so another dead end had been reached.

The next move to identify the remains of X-936 was another personal effect, the 39th ID insignia on a helmet and an order for the Purple Heart with SSgt. Shelton’s name along with two others. Those awards were received for wounds they received on Jun 25, 1944. Pvt. Fago had returned to duty in February 1945.

With no additional information or details to go by, X936 was determined to be unidentifiable and was interred at the Netherlands American Cemetery in 1949.

The DPAA did not close SSgt. Shelton’s case, rather, they conducted a comprehensive review of all unresolved losses from Hatterath and created a short list of possible names to compare with X-936.

Some units like the 2nd Armored Division and 30th Infantry Division were ruled out because of their arrival dates to the Hatterath area and those casualties were determined to have been in tanks at the time of their deaths. However, some of the 29th Infantry Division arrived in the area in late September 1944 to occupy a battle line between Gangelt and Geilenkirchen, about 300 yards from Hatterath. By October 2, 1944, records show the 115th Infantry Regiment was at Hatterath. Trac-

ing movements of the 115th showed that five men were missing and SSgt Shelton was a strong candidate to be X936—his name was on the order for the Purple Heart; he was wounded in action in France in July 1944, consistent with the hospital order found in the wallet and he wore a size 6D shoe, close to the shoe size found with X-936.

The other person considered was Pvt. Frank Boersema, a soldier assigned to L Co. 3rd Battalion and lost in the area on October 28, 1944, three weeks after B Company was fighting east of Hatterath.

At this point in their investigation, X-935 was disinterred and assessed to the DPAA lab for further analysis. On April 25, 2025, the DPAA determined, the remains of X-936 to be SSgt. Shelton based on DNA samples from his sister Emma Thompson and a nephew James Whilhite.

It was then that Vonette Shelton Curtis was notified that her uncle, a man who died before she was born, had been identified and he was coming home. Vonette began contacting family and friends who would gather on September 5, to trace their relatives military journey and make arrangements to bring him back to Sebree for burial near his parents.

Nest week’s segment will provide the transport and funeral plans for SSgt. Shelton. A party of family and friends along with a representative from The Sebree Banner will travel to Louisville where a military Honor Guard will be waiting to accept his body and carry it to a waiting hearse for transport to Sebree. He will be laid in his final resting place on October 4, in Springdale Cemetery.

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Taking care of your lawn during the fall is as important as it is during spring and summer, even more so for lawns with cool-season grasses such as Kentucky bluegrass and tall

fescue. Nearly all fertilizers and broadleaf herbicides should be applied in the fall, and it is by far the best time for lawn renovations, such as seeding. When it comes to the timing of renovations, spring is better than summer, but fall is best of all.

Here are some tips for cool-season grasses:

Fertilize – Fertilizing your lawn in the fall will help it grow stronger, thicker and greener. Cool-season grasses should be fertilized with nitrogen in the fall as temperatures begin to cool and days shorten. Applying later in the fall when cool-season grasses are actively growing can help rejuvenate the lawn after a stressful summer and improve competition over undesirable warm-season weeds such as bermudagrass. Use either farm fertilizers, such as urea or ammonium sulfate, or specialty fertilizers found in garden centers. The normal rate is 1 to 1.5 pounds of actual nitrogen per 1,000 square feet of lawn. Remember to spread it evenly over your lawn.

Control weeds – If broadleaf weeds such as clover, dandelion, plantain and chickweed are growing in your lawn, fall is the best time of year to get them under control. Almost all

broadleaf weeds can be controlled selectively in turfgrass by applying a three-way mix of 2, 4-D, MCPP and Dicamba. This mix is sold in many garden centers under various trade names. Applications in late October through November, after winter annuals have emerged, often result in better control of winter annual broadleaves and perennial broadleaves compared to spring applications. Make the application on a warm day, sometime after the first frost of the season.

Renovate – Summer’s stresses often take a toll on your lawn. The best time to reseed your lawn is from late August through October. Because the goal is to get the seed in close contact with the soil, it is recommended that you first remove surface debris and mechanically groove the soil. This can be easily done by traversing the lawn with a dethatching machine that can be rented at many rental centers. Seed a turf-type tall fescue at a rate of five to six pounds per 1,000 square feet. To avoid uneven application, spread half the seed horizontally across the lawn and the other half vertically. The best and quickest results are obtained if the seeded areas can be kept moist

until the seeds germinate.

Remember to continue mowing your lawn as long as the grass is growing. You might want to lower the height in the fall to 1.5 to 2 inches. This tends to keep the grass greener longer in the winter and will help the lawn to green up earlier next spring. It might even help increase turf density.

For more information, contact the Webster Cooperative Extension office.

## Slaughters School Reunion Is September 27

Attention all Slaughters School Attendees: The Slaughters School Reunion, is planned for Saturday, September 27, 2025, from 11:30am to 2:30 pm at The Country Cupboard, 581 McCoy Ave. Madisonville, Ky.

Buffet lunch on your own. Come and fellowship with Slaughters School attendees.

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WEBSTER COUNTY IS celebrating Senior Center month throughout September with a number of events for older county residents. On September 8, the fiscal court signed a proclamation calling for residents to enjoy senior center month. Pictured are magistrates Bob Hardison and Chad Townsend, Webster County Senior Center Director Mandy Fambrough, Judge/Executive Steve Henry and magistrate Tony Felker.

# Fall Is Best Time To Rejuvenate Lawn

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NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Webster Circuit Court on AUGUST 12, 2025, I will on **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2025** at the hour of **11:00 A.M.** or as soon thereafter as possible at the Courthouse door in the City of Dixon, Webster County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Webster County, Kentucky, to-wit:

Property Address: 10690 State Route 138, Slaughters, KY 42456

PVA No. / Map No.: OSL-020-002

The current year's property taxes will be paid by the purchaser of the property.

Purchaser may pay cash or said property will be sold upon payment of 10% deposit, with the balance upon credit of 30 days, the purchaser shall execute a good and sufficient bond with approved surety thereon for the purchase price, the bond to bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date thereof, until paid, and to have the force and effect of a judgment, but a lien shall be retained on said property to further secure the payment of the purchase price. At his option, the purchaser may pay cash or pay the bond with accrued interest at any time before its maturity. Said sale to be made free and clear of any and all liens, claims, rights, title, and interest of any and all parties to this action. The purchaser will be prepared to promptly comply with these terms or the said property will immediately be offered again for sale.

GIVEN under my hand this the 19th day of August, 2025.

STEPHEN M. ARNETT, Master Commissioner  
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