

# Webster County Judge/Executive Recipient Of Award From GRADD

On Wednesday, the Green River Area Development District (GRADD) proudly recognized four outstanding leaders and one resilient community at its 2025 Annual Meeting. Each award celebrates excellence in citizenship, leadership, service, and vision across the Green River region.

Webster County Judge/Executive Henry was the recipient of the Wendell H. Ford Legislative Leadership Award. At the awards ceremony, it was noted that Steve Henry has spent decades advocating for Kentucky's small communities through his legislative leadership. His work on water and sewer infrastructure, industrial development, and regional cooperation has left a lasting impact, helping position the Green River region for sustainable growth and economic opportunity.

Other awards presented during Wednesday's luncheon include the

\* Charles Reid Regional Citizenship Award – Alma Randolph Crump  
For more than three decades, Alma has been a pillar in the Green River community through the Alma Randolph Foundation.



Judge/Executive  
Steve Henry

Since 1993, her annual Back-to-School Shopping event has provided clothing for more than 17,700 children, giving families dignity and confidence during one of the most financially stressful times of the year.

\* Texal Brooks Regional Leadership Award – Deneatra Henderson

When devastating flooding struck McLean County in April, Deneatra and her team stepped in as true boots on the ground. Even as high water surrounded her own home, she made her way to McLean County—at times by boat—to support barricade efforts and aid response teams. Her selfless service in the face of crisis captured the very essence of lead-

ership.

\* Community of the Year Award – City of Sturgis

Once on the brink of bankruptcy and dissolution, the City of Sturgis has staged a remarkable turnaround. With new leadership, the city restored compliance with the Department of Local Government and secured more than \$4 million in grants to improve water infrastructure, including major upgrades to its wastewater treatment plant. Sturgis now stands as a powerful example of resilience, collaboration, and vision for the future.

“Each of these honorees represents the very best of our region—selfless service, strong leadership, and a commitment to improving the lives of others,” said GRADD Executive Director Joanna Shake. “Their contributions will continue to inspire positive change for years to come.”

Together, the 2025 award recipients—Alma Randolph Crump, Deneatra Henderson, Webster County Judge Executive Steve Henry, and the City of Sturgis—reflect the values of citizenship, leadership, and community resilience that define the Green River region.

# Events Planned At Canaan Ridge Park

A number of events have been planned for Canaan Ridge Park for the public to enjoy.

September 20th at 7:00 pm Movie Night at the Park will be held. Independence Bank is sponsoring the movie at the park as part of their Day of Good initiative. They will give out free hotdogs, drinks and popcorn!

The movie scheduled for the event is “A Minecraft Movie”.

Prior to the movie Webster County 4-H will host a cardboard car craft at 6:00 pm so children can make their own car to “drive-in” to the movie”; this event is limited to 25 children. Townsend Funeral Home has donated the projector for the event.

Everyone is welcome to join in the these free activities.

On October 11th from 4:00 to 7:00 pm Canaan Ridge Park's Second Annual Pumpkins & Tales Trail Walk is planned. This year's program will feature vendors, activities and a hike on a trail to hear spooky stories. There will also be a pumpkin carving contest. Bring in your already carved pumpkin to be displayed and voted on during the event, a prize will be given.



WARREN NANCE OF Sebree recently won Sporting clay's State Championship competition in the AA Class in Louisville. The competition was held n August with Nance competing against 297 other shooters.

# KSP Post 2 Joins Multi-State Firearm Initiative

The Kentucky State Police (KSP) Post 2 will take part in a multi-state initiative aimed at reducing crime and keeping illegal firearms out of local communities. From September 11–14, troopers will join law enforcement partners in Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia for the 6-State Trooper Project.

This high-visibility enforcement period will concentrate on criminal patrol operations, specifically focusing on identifying felons in possession of firearms. Troopers will use traffic enforcement as an opportunity to detect and disrupt illegal activity, while also ensuring compliance with state and federal laws that prohibit certain individuals from carrying firearms.

Captain Derek Smith, commander of KSP Post 2, says this effort highlights the agency's ongoing commitment to community safety.

“With law enforcement working together across state lines, we can take a stronger and more thorough approach against crime,” said Captain Derek Smith. “Every illegal firearm removed from our streets is one less weapon in the hands of criminals. This operation is for the safety of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.”

KSP encourages citizens to play a role in keeping communities safe. If you see suspicious or illegal activity, contact your local KSP Post or dial 911 in an emergency.

Each of the 6-State Trooper Project's enforcement periods targets a specific traffic or criminal safety concern. By coordinating enforcement, agencies are able to share resources, intelligence and strategies to maximize their impact. Multi-state partnerships like this initiative strengthen the collective fight against crime and help ensure Kentucky's roadways and communities are safer for everyone.

The Kentucky State Police remain committed to protecting life and property through enforcement, education, and proactive policing efforts. You can learn more by visiting's KSP's website.

# Celebrate The United States Constitution

The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution urges Americans to reflect on the United States Constitution during this month's annual observance in honor of this foundational document of national governance.

The DAR initiated the observance in 1955, when the service organization petitioned the U.S. Congress to dedicate September 17-23 of each year to the commemoration of Constitution Week. Congress adopted the resolution, and on August 2, 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed it into Public Law #915. The celebration's goals are threefold: to encourage the study of historical events that led to the framing of the Constitution in September 1787; to remind the public that the Con-

stitution is the basis of America's great heritage and the foundation for it's way of life; and to emphasize U. S. citizens' responsibility to protect, defend and preserve the U. S. Constitution.

“DAR made history when we led the way in making Constitution Week an official commemoration and today our members enthusiastically promote the celebration annually in communities across the country by erecting community displays, sponsoring municipal proclamations, ringing bells and staging programs to raise awareness of the Constitution's protections and importance,” said DAR President General Ginie Sebastian Storage. “As we embark on American's 250th anniversary, we encourage all citizens to join us in

celebrating this powerful document that is so important to American history and to reflect on the impact thee Constitution has had on the lives of American citizens past, present and future.”

Last week the Webster County Fiscal Court read a proclamation calling for county citizens to observe this week as Constitution Week and remember the importance and significance of this document.

DAR has been the foremost advocate for the awareness, promotion and celebration of Constitution Week. The annual observance provides innumerable opportunities for educational initiatives and community outreach, two mission areas of crucial importance to the National Society. By fostering knowledge of, and

appreciation for the Constitution and the inalienable rights it affords to all Americans, DAR helps to keep alive the memory of the men and women who secured our nation's fundamental liberties.

One of the largest patriotic women's organizations in the world, DAR has 190,000 members in approximately 3,000 chapters across the country and several foreign countries. DAR members promote historic preservation, education and patriotism via commemorative events, scholarships and educational initiatives, citizenship programs, service to veterans, meaningful community service and more. For additional information about DAR and its relevant mission, visit [www.dar.org](http://www.dar.org).

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# God Knows You

By Dr. Bob Hardison

## A Righteous Relationship With God Begins With Faith

Q: I've tried to be a good man all my life. I've centered my life in my career, my money, my education and my family. I've had a good life, but I've come to the painful reality I left God out entirely. I know I can't go back and do my life over. So, how can I begin a relationship with God, the Creator and Sustainer of all things?

A: A right relationship with God begins with faith. “Without faith it is impossible to

please God” (Heb. 11:6). Everyone has faith in something. Now is the time to direct your faith to God. He is a rewarder of those who believe in Him and diligently seek Him.

Faith in Christ. Living faith begins by establishing a relationship with God through Jesus Christ. God loves you so much He sent Jesus to die on the cross to bear the punishment for your sins. To begin your relationship with God, you must let go of your sins (repent) and put your trust in Christ. Confess your

faith in Christ as your Savior and Lord.

Grow. Trusting in Christ is just the beginning of a wonderful new life in Christ. To deepen this relationship, you should start attending a Bible study group where Christ is preached. Study the Bible, and God's Spirit will help you grow. And, then, be baptized as an expression of your faith in Christ.

Share. Your faith is meant to be shared. Talk with someone who is far from God about the ways God has made Himself known to you.

## -- PUBLIC NOTICE --

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE  
The Fiscal Court, at a meeting held on July 28, 2025, adopted the following ordinance:  
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A LEASE FOR THE FINANCING OF A PROJECT; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT AND SECURITY OF THE LEASE; CREATING A SINKING FUND; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF VARIOUS DOCUMENTS RELATED TO SUCH LEASE; AND MAKING CERTAIN DESIGNATIONS REGARDING SUCH LEASE.

It is hereby certified that the foregoing ordinance provides for approval of a lease with Kentucky Association of Counties Leasing Trust, as administrator, and bank or financial institution offering the lowest and best interest rate, as lessor for financing certain public improvements and provides a general obligation pledge to assess and levy sufficient taxes to comply with the obligations to pay lease payments, and makes certain designations regarding the Lease.

A complete copy of the ordinance may be reviewed at the office of the County of Webster, Kentucky, at 25 US Highway 41-A South, Dixon, Kentucky 42409.

By: STEVEN R. HENRY  
Webster County Judge/Executive

CERTIFICATION  
The undersigned, an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and accurate summary of an Ordinance that has been prepared by an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

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