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U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell at the Boone National Guard Center in Frankfort.

Lawmakers approve space for McConnell statue

By Tom Latek
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT — Shortly before the Kentucky General Assembly headed into their 10-day veto recess period Wednesday night, lawmakers approved a measure providing space for a statue of U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell.

Under Section 127 of House Bill 757, which appears on page 378 of the 386 page bill, "Pursuant to KRS 11.026(1), if a statue, monument, or object of art is privately funded and created depicting or representing United States Senator Addison Mitchell McConnell, and that statue, monument, or object of art is offered to the Commonwealth of Kentucky as a donation, the state curator shall accept that statue, monument, or object of

art for display in the New State Capitol rotunda.

"Notwithstanding the authority granted to the Historic Properties Advisory 26 Commission in KRS 11.027(3), the commission shall reserve a place in one (1) of the four (4) corners of the first floor of the New State Capitol rotunda for the installation and permanent display of the statue, monument, or object of art."

The Capitol is currently closed to the public, as it is in the midst of a multi-year renovation project, and the available corner is where the statue of Confederate President Jefferson Davis formerly stood before it was removed at the direction of Gov. Andy Beshear several years ago.

Upon learning of the legislation, McConnell stated, "I'm honored and humbled by this decision

and I'm grateful to the General Assembly for the recognition."

When asked about the statue, Gov. Beshear said Thursday he wanted to name the new state prison being built in honor of Department of Corrections Commissioner Cookie Crews, the first Black woman to hold that position.

"The General Assembly told me, 'We don't name things after people while they're still alive.' And now they've passed legislation after someone who is still alive. I would like the rules to apply across the board, for people who have done things like Cookie Crews that deserve to be recognized."

He added, "Though I never say what I'm going to do with a bill until I actually sign or veto it, you can probably guess what I'm going to do."

Trump seeks 43% defense budget hike

By Jennifer Shutt
Kentucky Lantern

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration released its fiscal 2027 budget request Friday, asking Congress to increase spending on defense programs by 43% and decrease funding for non-defense accounts by 10%.

The proposal kicks off a monthslong process on Capitol Hill as lawmakers write the dozen annual government funding bills ahead of the Oct. 1 deadline.

Congress rarely adheres to the president's request entirely, and didn't do so last year, rejecting many of the proposed cuts, including to health and education.

Last year's process, the first of President Donald Trump's second term, was considerably rocky, leading to a 43-day shutdown that began in October, a brief partial shutdown that ended in early February and an ongoing shutdown for the Department of Homeland Security.

This budget request proposes Republicans again use the complex budget reconciliation process they used last year to enact the "big, beautiful" law to further bolster spending on the Pentagon and DHS.



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PHOTO

An aerial view of the Pentagon in 2021.

The Defense Department would have its budget raised to \$1.5 trillion, a \$445 billion increase. The administration proposes lawmakers put \$1.1 trillion of that in the annual spending bill that would require bipartisan support to move through the Senate and place the other \$350 billion in the partisan reconciliation bill.

"America has already begun to ... reinvigorate the military by committing tens of billions of dollars to new and innovative programs such as the Golden Dome for America, and making critical investments in the defense industrial base," the document states. "By continuing to provide the resources necessary to rebuild America's military, the Budget re-establishes deterrence, revives the warrior ethos of America's Armed Forces, and prioritizes investments against the most acute national

security threats." The request includes cuts to:

The Agriculture Department by \$4.9 billion, or 19%, to \$20.8 billion.

The Education Department by \$2.3 billion, or 2.9%, to \$76.5 billion.

The Environmental Protection Agency by \$4.6 billion, or 52%, to \$4.2 billion.

The Department of Health and Human Services by \$15.8 billion, or 12.5%, to \$111.1 billion.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development by \$10.7 billion, or 13%, to \$73.5 billion.

The Labor Department by \$3.5 billion, or 25.9%, to \$9.9 billion.

The Small Business Administration by \$671 million, or 67%, to \$329 million.

The budget proposes \$63 billion in funding for the Department of Homeland Security, which doesn't yet have its appropriations bill from the current year.

Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE
CASE NUMBER 26-P-58

NOTICE is hereby given that Timothy Scott Keeton and William Lewis Keeton III have qualified as Co-Executors, of the estate of Elizabeth Walker deceased of Boyle County, Kentucky on March 17, 2026. All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by law to the aforesaid Timothy Scott Keeton, 505 KY Hwy 2141, Stanford, KY 40484 or William Lewis Keeton III, 781 Hideaway Cove Rd., Lancaster, KY 40444 Not later than September 17, 2026.

Cortney Shewmaker, Boyle County Circuit Court Clerk

Danville Advocate: Apr. 7, 2026 EST/WALKER, E.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CASE NUMBER 26-P-64

NOTICE is hereby given that Thomas Edward Plott II has qualified as Executor, of the estate of Judith Wiggins Plott deceased of Boyle County, Kentucky on March 20, 2026. All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by law to the aforesaid Thomas Edward Plott II, 2075 Goggin Lane, Danville, KY 40422 Or to H. Vincent Pennington III, attorney 114 South Fourth St., Danville, KY 40422 Not later than September 20, 2026.

Cortney Shewmaker, Boyle County Circuit Court Clerk

Danville Advocate: Apr. 7, 2026 EST/PLOTT, J.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CASE NUMBER 26-P-65

NOTICE is hereby given that Charles Wesley Wilkerson has qualified as Executor, of the estate of Victoria Jean Wilkerson deceased of Boyle County, Kentucky on March 16, 2026. All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by law to the aforesaid Charles Wesley Wilkerson, 11330 Lebanon Rd., Parksville, KY 40464 Or to H. Vincent Pennington III, attorney 114 South Fourth St., Danville, KY 40422 Not later than September 16, 2026.

Cortney Shewmaker, Boyle County Circuit Court Clerk

Danville Advocate: Apr. 7, 2026 EST/WILKERSON, V.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CASE NUMBER 26-P-50

NOTICE is hereby given that Elizabeth Ann King has qualified as Executrix, of the estate of Ruby Bodner deceased of Boyle County, Kentucky on March 17, 2026. All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by law to the aforesaid Elizabeth Ann King, 1345 Waterworks Rd., Danville, KY 40422 Or to Christopher K. Herron, attorney P.O. Box 459, Danville, KY 40422 Not later than September 17, 2026.

Cortney Shewmaker, Boyle County Circuit Court Clerk

Danville Advocate: Apr. 7, 2026 EST/BODNER, R.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CASE NUMBER 26-P-75

NOTICE is hereby given that Rebecca Helton has qualified as Executor, of the estate of Virginia Lee Hale deceased of Boyle County, Kentucky on March 25, 2026. All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by law to the aforesaid Rebecca Helton, 761 Bethel Rd., Harrodsburg, KY 40330 Or to Christopher J. Tucker, attorney 114 South Fourth St., Danville, KY 40422 Not later than September 25, 2026.

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Danville Advocate: Apr. 7, 2026 EST/HALE, V.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CASE NUMBER 26-P-79

NOTICE is hereby given that Charles Monroe has qualified as Executor, of the estate of Betty Monroe deceased of Boyle County, Kentucky on March 30, 2026. All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by law to the aforesaid Charles Monroe, 97 Saddle Ridge Circle, Danville, KY 40422 Or to B. Travis Newman, attorney 2420 Frankfort Ave. Ste. 300, Louisville, KY 40206 Not later than September 30, 2026.

Cortney Shewmaker, Boyle County Circuit Court Clerk

Danville Advocate: Apr. 7, 2026 EST/MONROE, B.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CASE NUMBER 26-P-80

NOTICE is hereby given that Thomas Louis Case has qualified as Executor, of the estate of Jean Ann Case deceased of Boyle County, Kentucky on March 24, 2026. All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by law to the aforesaid Thomas Louis Case, 1261 Gose Pike, Danville, KY 40422 Or to H. Vincent Pennington III, attorney 114 South Fourth St., Danville, KY 40422 Not later than September 24, 2026.

Cortney Shewmaker, Boyle County Circuit Court Clerk

Danville Advocate: Apr. 7, 2026 EST/CASE, J.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CASE NUMBER 26-P-83

NOTICE is hereby given that Kaye S. Barber has qualified as Executrix, of the estate of John K. Barber deceased of Boyle County, Kentucky on March 30, 2026. All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by law to the aforesaid Kaye S. Barber, 155 Colonial Way, Danville, KY 40422 Or to Edward G. May, attorney 302 Redwood Drive, Stanford, KY 40484 Not later than September 30, 2026.

Cortney Shewmaker, Boyle County Circuit Court Clerk

Danville Advocate: Apr. 7, 2026 EST/BARBER, J.

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CASE NUMBER 26-P-31

NOTICE is hereby given that Erin Cruz has qualified as Executor, of the estate of Jesse Purdy deceased of Boyle County, Kentucky on March 3, 2026. All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by law to the aforesaid Erin Cruz, 6107 Manse Dr., Louisville, KY 40258 Or to Chase M. Tranter, attorney 200 West Maple St., Nicholasville, KY 40356 Not later than September 3, 2026.

Cortney Shewmaker, Boyle County Circuit Court Clerk

Danville Advocate: Apr. 7, 2026 EST/PURDY, J.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CASE NUMBER 25-P-189

Notice is hereby given that Miranda Ruggles has filed final settlement in the estate of Anna Hooker with date of hearing set for May 1, 2026 before the Boyle District Court. Unless exceptions are filed before that time, the settlement shall be approved, confirmed and recorded accordingly to law.

Cortney Shewmaker, Boyle County Circuit Court Clerk

Danville Advocate: Apr. 7, 2026 FINAL/HOOKER, A.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CASE NUMBER 26-P-63

NOTICE is hereby given that Phyllis Long has qualified as Executrix, of the estate of Donald Elwood Long deceased of Boyle County, Kentucky on March 17, 2026. All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by law to the aforesaid Phyllis Long, 22 Saddle Ridge Circle, Danville, KY 40422 Not later than September 17, 2026.

Cortney Shewmaker, Boyle County Circuit Court Clerk

Danville Advocate: Apr. 7, 2026 EST/LONG, D.

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COMMISSIONER'S SALE

In order to comply with the Judgments and Orders of the Honorable Whitney Z. Johns, Judge of the Boyle Circuit Court, the Master Commissioner, will sell the Real Properties described in the following Civil Actions on **April 21st, 2026 at the hour of 10:00 a.m. OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS CAN BE AUCTIONED AT THE BOYLE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE FISCAL COURTROOM, ROOM 106, 321 W. MAIN STREET, DANVILLE.** Said property shall be sold to raise the amount set forth in the judgments and orders of the court together with interest and the costs of the action, and upon the (unless otherwise indicated) following terms and conditions.

(A.) At the time of sale successful bidder shall either pay cash or make a deposit of 10% of the Purchase price with the balance on credit for 30 days. In the event the successful bidder desires or elects to credit the balance, they will be required to post bond and furnish a sufficient surety approved by the Master Commissioner prior to the sale to secure the unpaid balance of the purchase price. Said bond shall be for the un-

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paid purchase price and bear interest at the rate stated in said Judgment.

(B.) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all taxes or assessments upon the property for the current tax year and for all subsequent years. All taxes or assessments upon the property for prior years shall be paid from the sale proceeds, unless otherwise stated.

(C.) The property shall otherwise be sold free and clear of any right, title and interest of all parties to the action and of their liens and encumbrances thereon, **excepting easements and restrictions of record in the Boyle County Court Clerk's Office,** and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America or the Defendants.

**Sold subject to Current year real estate taxes not yet due and owing affecting the real estate for which the purchaser shall take no credit on the purchase price, and further any delinquent State, County and/or City real estate taxes sold pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 134 to any private purchaser during the pendency of this action.

SALE NO. 1
NEW AMERICAN FUNDING, LLC F/K/A BROKER SOLUTIONS INC. DBA NEW AMERICAN FUNDING, PLAINTIFF VS. KEVIN A. PARNELL JR, ET AL., DEFENDANTS
(CASE NO. 25-CI-00365)
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
5231 LEXINGTON ROAD, DANVILLE, BOYLE COUNTY
PARCEL ID: 052-000-043

SALE NO. 2
ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC, PLAINTIFF VS. JAMIE L. GOSSER, TEPHANIE DRAGOO, UNKNOWN DEFENDANT, SPOUSE OF TEPHANIE DRAGOO, DEFENDANTS
(CASE NO. 25-CI-00228)
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
49 EVANS HEIGHTS, JUNCTION CITY, BOYLE COUNTY
PARCEL ID: J05-006-007

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