LEGALS

The Lee County FY 2025-26 Financial Statement required by KRS 424 has been prepared and copies have been provided to each local newspaper of general circulation and each local radio or TV Station which has on file a written request to be provided a statement. The Lee County Fiscal Court will publish required sections of the auditor's report within thirty (30) days after completion of audit.

Legal Notice

Please take notice that the undersigned, Wesley Bowling, was on the 9th day of July 2026, duly qualified to serve as Administrator of the estate of the deceased, Janie Bowling., late in Owsley County, Kentucky. Any person having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present same, verified according to law, to said, Wesley Bowling or Henley McIntosh, attorney for the estate on or before the 13th day of August 2026, and any person indebted to said estate are hereby requested to make payment to either of the above listed person.

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BID NOTICE

The Owsley County Fiscal Court will be accepting sealed bids on the following railing and cribbing jobs.

Job 1: Lower River Road
125' Long
43 pieces of 40' Steel (Row 1)
Backfill
43 pieces of 40' Steel (Row 2)
Backfill
3' Space
Job 2: Puncheon Camp Road
60' Long
21 pieces 20' Steel
3' Space Backfill

Bids will be taken until 4:00 p.m. on July 20, 2026 and will be opened at the Fiscal Court meeting in the Court Room that evening. Bids must be sealed and marked "Sealed Bids". We reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

Please contact Willard Thomas, Road Foreman at 606-567-0067 if more information is needed.

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House Passes Barr-Led Bill Protecting Second Amendment Privacy

Washington, D.C.—Today, July 14th, U.S. Congressman Andy Barr (R-KY-06) helped lead key legislation protecting the Second Amendment through the House of Representatives. Barr's legislation, the "Protecting Privacy in Purchases Act," prohibits financial institutions from using a new Merchant Category Code (MCC) to track purchases of firearms and ammunition.

This legislation stops banks and credit card companies from compiling and analyzing sensitive data on law-abiding Americans exercising their Second Amendment rights to own and purchase firearms.

"Law-abiding Kentuckians should not be targeted for exercising their constitutional rights," said Congressman Barr. "Creating a system that flags firearm purchases opens the door to data collection schemes, discrimination against responsible gun owners, and a weaponized federal government that could choke off access to financing for gun stores."

"The implementation of Merchant Category Codes to surveil lawful purchases is nothing more than an ill-conceived attempt to create a de facto national firearms registry," said John Commerford, Executive Director of NRA-ILA. "On behalf of millions of NRA members and gun owners nationwide, we thank Representatives Moore, Hudson, and Barr for protecting our Second Amendment rights and our privacy."

Merchant Category Codes are commonly used across the financial industry to categorize transactions, but applying a district identifier to firearm related purchases has raised concerns about privacy, data security, and potential misuse by both private institutions and government actors.

Win a kayak prize package by mentoring eligible new anglers this summer

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife invites experienced anglers to share their love of fishing with the next generation

FRANKFORT, Ky. (July 14, 2026) — Experienced anglers can "Mentor to Win" a kayak prize package each time they take a new, eligible angler fishing this summer. Hosted by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, the contest is free to enter and open to anyone licensed to fish in Kentucky for the 2026-2027 license year.

The contest winner will receive a new kayak, paddle, personal flotation device and two spinning rod and reel combos. Complete contest details are available on the department's website (fw.ky.gov).

Anglers 16-years-old and older can mentor a new angler, also age 16 or older, at least once this summer through Aug. 31 to be eligible for the prize package. Both mentor and mentee must possess a valid Kentucky fishing license for their outing. The new angler must have never purchased a Kentucky fishing license or must have not purchased an annual Kentucky fishing license in the last three years.

"Our goal with this program is to get as many people engaging in the outdoors as possible," said Rachel Crume, Conservation Education Program coordinator for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "We know that's where most people are healthiest and happiest and it's our privilege to share this service with both seasoned anglers and the next generation."

The mentor should use the MyProfile portal on the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website to enter the name and identification number of the person that they took fishing. Mentors can enter as many times as they like by taking multiple people fishing.

Excellent fishing opportunities are available year-round on waterbodies across Kentucky and can easily be found on the Waterbodies Search page. In addition to many large lakes and streams, more than 40 Fishing in Neighborhood (FINs) lakes are located across the commonwealth to provide excellent fishing close to home.

Additional resources are available to help mentors and beginners alike learn anything they need to know to get started fishing. The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Fishing landing page provides entry to many other digital resources including a quick start guide to Recreational Fishing, weekly Fishing Reports, statewide Fish Stocking schedules and fishing advice and stories from seasoned pros.

The Fish Boat KY app, available for both Apple and Android phones, is a handy fishing tool that helps anglers find waterbodies, boat ramps and other water access on the fly, and lets anglers buy a license, review the Kentucky Fishing and Boating Guide, get the Fishing Forecast, stocking locations and more.

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Purchasing complex financial products, like annuities, long-term care coverage or life insurance, but waiting also doesn't mean ignoring important tasks. Some decisions require immediate attention, including claiming benefits, filing insurance paperwork and understanding tax or estate deadlines.

Turnipseed says the first priority is building a clear picture of household finances. That includes:

Identifying income sources, recurring bills, automatic payments and near-term debt
Gathering key documents, including wills, trusts, insurance policies, retirement account statements and tax records

Notifying Social Security, pension administrators, insurance companies and financial institutions to understand available survivor benefits and important deadlines
Meeting with trusted professionals, such as a financial advisor, CPA or estate attorney, to help navigate time-sensitive decisions
Before making bigger decisions, Turnipseed says surviving spouses should ensure they can comfortably cover everyday expenses.

"The threshold question is simple: Can the survivor pay ordinary expenses for the next 90 days without selling assets or rushing decisions?" he adds.

The best time to prepare for this transition is before it happens, Turnipseed says.

One of the biggest risks is when one spouse manages most of the household's finances. If that information is not documented, the surviving spouse may be left trying to make sense of a financial situation during an already difficult time.

Turnipseed recommends creating a "survivor roadmap" that includes account information, key advisors or contacts, recurring bills, passwords, safe deposit box information and the location of important documents.

"A survivor-ready plan should not just say who gets what," he adds. "It should answer Monday-morning questions: Where is the money? How are bills paid? Who are the advisors? What happens to income when one spouse dies? Which assets pass automatically, and which require probate or trust administration? What tax elections or deadlines will matter?"

Ultimately, Turnipseed says every couple should ask themselves one question:

"If one of us died tomorrow, would the survivor know what to do next Monday morning?"

If there's uncertainty or the answer is no, he says, "the plan is not finished."

Liliana Hall is an Austin-based reporter for Money, where she covers a range of topics, including financial news, policy, banking, investing, passive income, financial planning and student loan debt. Passionate about accessibility and financial literacy, she's dedicated to helping readers navigate the complexities of money management and feel empowered to make informed decisions about their financial futures. Previously, Liliana covered all angles of personal finance as a writer and editor at CreditCards.com, Bankrate and CNET. Before she ever wrote about money, she worked in a handful of newsrooms across Austin, Texas, covering everything from the Texas Legislature to SXSW and the 2019 Men's NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships. Her work has been featured in The Daily Texan, Austin Chronicle and KUT. A Texas native, Liliana graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a bachelor's degree in Journalism. When she's offline, you can probably find her paddle boarding on Lady Bird Lake, riding her moped around town or reading for her book club.