



Graves County team captain Maddox Stamper placed seventh in the Major League Fishing Phoenix Bass Fishing League tournament at Kentucky Lake on Saturday, Feb. 28. Nearly 90 other co-anglers competed in the tournament. (Photo courtesy of Graves County High School)



Junior forward Ally Creason was named player of the game after Mayfield defeated St. Mary 38-25 during the opening round of the 1st Region Girls' Basketball Tournament at Murray State University on Monday, March 2. (Photo courtesy of Mayfield High School)



McCracken County junior Mason Clements was recognized for scoring her 1,000th point. She reached the milestone during a game versus Calloway County on Tuesday, Feb. 17. Clements also broke the McCracken County girls' basketball program's three-point field goals made in a season record. (Photo courtesy of McCracken County High School)

## Kentucky to host largest annual "Archery in the Schools" state tournaments

### Staff Report

FRANKFORT — Kentucky will host the nation's largest annual school archery tournaments March 13-14, as 9,241 student archers from 415 schools are expected to compete in the Kentucky National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) State Bullseye Tournament. More than 3,000 of those students are also competing in the NASP State 3D Tournament.

Held at the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville since 2016, the tournament has grown into one of the largest state-level sporting competitions held anywhere.

The in-school, co-ed program introduces students in grades 4-12 to international-style target archery. Students learn archery as part of their school curriculum and are then eligible to compete in school-hosted events for the opportunity to qualify for state and national tournaments. Each year, more than 160,000 Kentucky students learn archery during the school day as part of their physical education curriculum, and approximately 17,000 compete in Kentucky school-hosted NASP tournaments as part of after-school teams.

In 2002, the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources debuted NASP in Kentucky with 21 pilot schools and it has since expanded to more than 900 schools statewide. Nationally, approximately 1.2 million students from more than 9,500 schools participate annually. Since its inception, NASP has put a bow and arrow in the hands of more than 18 million students and has awarded nearly \$5.4 million in cash scholarships to more than 2,000 students.

"Nationally, 50% of student archers say archery in the schools was their first archery experience and 90% of

kids learning archery as part of their curriculum said they love it," said Lisa Johnson, state NASP coordinator for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "Schools embrace NASP programming because archery is a sport that fits within their curriculum at relatively inexpensive cost. Archery is naturally inclusive of all students irrespective of physical traits and has a near 50%-50% male to female ratio. It doesn't surprise me to see how many kids love archery."

The 2026 Kentucky NASP state championships will feature two competitions: a traditional bullseye tournament, where archers shoot at a multi-ringed target, and a 3D tournament, where archers shoot at six lifelike foam targets representing various North American game animals. Top-scoring teams and individual archers will advance to the NASP Eastern Nationals scheduled May 7-9, 2026, also at the Kentucky Exposition Center.

The state tournament will take place in the North Wing, South Wing A-C, and the East Hall, with competition flights starting daily at 9:30 a.m. (EDT) on both Friday and Saturday, March 13-14. Spectator admission is free. Parking is \$15 per vehicle and \$30 per bus.

Elementary, middle and high school archers will compete for individual and team honors. The top senior boys and girls from

the bullseye and 3D championship will be awarded scholarships from \$500 to \$1000 to the postsecondary school of their choice. Additionally, 10 senior academic archers will be randomly selected to receive \$500 scholarships.

All Kentucky NASP archers and teams are encouraged to participate in the 3rd Annual "Archers Aiming to Reduce Hunger" food drive to support Kentucky Hunters for the Hungry and Feeding America Kentucky's Heartland to help relieve hunger in Kentucky communities. Participating archers are asked to bring one can or boxed food item. Donations will be collected in the South Wing lobby near the team registration desk.

Kentucky NASP coaches, alumni and friends of NASP will also have an opportunity to participate in a tournament of their very own. Centershot Ministries will be set up in South Wing A for these adults to have an opportunity to compete for fun. Proceeds will go to community archery outreach programs.

Complete tournament results will be available online at NASP Tournaments. For more information, visit the National Archery in the Schools Program webpage on the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website ([fw.ky.gov](http://fw.ky.gov)), or call the department's Information Center at 1-800-858-1549, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (EDT) weekdays, excluding holidays.

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

In accordance with KRS 176.051, Kentucky's noxious weed law, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet will control noxious weeds on state-owned right of way at the request of the adjoining property owner. The noxious weeds named in this law are Johnson grass (*Sorghum halepense*), Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense*), Cutleaf Teasel (*Dipsacus laciniatus*) Nodding thistle (*Carduus nutans*), Common teasel (*Dipsacus fullonum*), Poison hemlock (*Conium maculatum*), Marestail (*Conyza canadensis*), Amur Honeysuckle (*Lonicera maackii*), Multiflora Rose (*Rosa multiflora*) Japanese knotweed, (*Polygonum cuspidatum*), Spotted Knapweed (*Centaurea stoebe*) and Kudzu (*Pueraria montana*).

Persons who own property adjacent to state right of way and who are involved in eradication efforts on their property can submit a written application to the highway district office in their area. Contact information can be found at [transportation.ky.gov/DistrictPages](http://transportation.ky.gov/DistrictPages)

## Request for Public Comment



### Proposed Recreation Easement to M & T Development on Kentucky Reservoir

TVA is considering a request for a 30-year commercial recreation easement over approximately 4.13 acres at Eagle Landing Development on Kentucky Reservoir. M & T Development has requested this easement to construct a marina and launching ramp fronting the 4.13 acres of requested easement area. Approximately 5.76 acres of harbor limits are also being requested. The new water use facility infrastructure will include a covered, 110-slip floating marina and 24'W x 66'L launching ramp. The project is located on Kentucky Reservoir at Tennessee River Mile 24.8 (right bank) (36.993468 -88.228736), in Livingston County, Kentucky.

TVA is interested in receiving comments regarding the action's potential to affect the environment or historic properties and to identify any other issues associated with this request prior to making a permit decision. Any comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the administrative record and will be available for public inspection. All written comments on this proposed action must be received on or before April 6, 2026. Written comments may be mailed to the address below or emailed to [vwalters@tva.gov](mailto:vwalters@tva.gov).

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