

Gov Beshear: 15 nonprofits receive over \$51K in touring grant funds

KENTUCKY ARTS COUNCIL

FRANKFORT — Gov. Andy Beshear announced Aug. 13 that 15 nonprofit organizations across the commonwealth will receive \$51,175 in grant funding to book dance, music, theater and storytelling performers from the Kentucky Arts Council Performing Artists Directory.

“The arts have a special way of bringing people together and helping our families feel more connected and supported,” said Gov. Beshear. “That’s why it’s so important for Kentuckians to have access to the arts in their own communities. Team Kentucky is proud to support our local artists and arts organizations as they make the arts more accessible across our New Kentucky Home.”

All performances are open and marketed to the public and include artist outreach activities like workshops and mini performances for community partners.

Awardees for the 2027 grant cycle include:

- Boone County Public Library Foundation, Boone County
- Great American Brass Band Festival, Boyle County
- Pennyroyal Arts Council Inc., Christian County
- Friends of Lexington Senior Centers, Fayette County
- City of Frankfort, Kentucky, Franklin County
- Grand Theatre, Franklin County
- Josephine Sculpture Park, Franklin County
- Louisville Folk School, Jefferson County
- Berea Arts Council, Madison County
- AMP Berea, Madison County
- Stidham Old Time Music Association, Martin County
- Lowertown Arts and Music Festival, McCracken County
- Lake Cumberland Performing Arts, Pulaski County
- Cumberland Falls State Resort Park, Whitley County
- Bluegrass Green-source, Woodford County.

The Kentucky Arts Council provides leadership, funding and support for the arts in Kentucky. For more information on the Kentucky Arts Council and other grant opportunities, visit the artscouncil.ky.gov.

Lancaster mayor appoints interim police chief while investigation into Hughes DUI continues

BY CARLA SLAVEY
COMMONWEALTH JOURNAL

Lancaster Mayor Michael Gaffney announced last Friday that an interim chief for the Lancaster Police Department has been named, and stated that he is awaiting results of a blood test for current chief Ryan Hughes, taken after being charged with a DUI in Pulaski County, before making further decisions.

Hughes was cited for Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence and first-degree Criminal Mischief after a July wreck in Somerset that resulted in Hughes’ vehicle catching fire and damage to a state right-of-way fence.

Officers with the Somerset Police Department reported in a citation that Hughes “appeared to be under the influence and had a strong smell of an alcoholic beverage coming from his person.”

Hughes, who has also worked for the Somerset-Pulaski Special Response Team, was reportedly injured in the wreck and was taken to the Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital for treatment. While there, SPD officers stated that Hughes refused to submit to a blood test until after a search warrant was issued.

The blood sample was sent to the State Crime Lab for testing, with the results still pending.

It was because the results were not yet available, Mayer Gaffney stated, that Hughes was still listed as Lancaster Police Chief.

Hughes was previously placed on administrative leave, but on Friday Gaffney announced that Rick Shearer had been appointed as Interim Chief pending the outcome of the investigation of Hughes.

“This administrative decision allows the Police Department to have consistent leadership and allows the legal process to continue without the City making a determination regarding the outcome of that process,” Gaffney stated.

“I understand that this decision may not be what everyone would personally choose, and I know there will be differing opinions about it. I want to be very clear about how this decision was made,” he continued. “This decision was not based on personal feelings, friendships, relationships, politics, or a determination of guilt or innocence. I believe strongly in the principle that a person is innocent until proven guilty. Ryan has the right to have the facts heard and to allow the judicial process to determine the outcome of this matter.”

He went on to say that the legal process must be allowed to take its course, and reminded the public that the outcome of what may happen has not yet been determined.

Readers are reminded that a charge is an accusation only, and that all suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Commonwealth Journal

To subscribe
call (606) 679-5200

**PUBLIC NOTICE
PROPOSED TAX NOTIFICATION**

The Somerset Independent Board of Education is proposing a general fund tax levy of 74.1 cents on real property and 74.2 cents on personal property.

The General Fund tax levied in fiscal year 2026 was 75.9 cents on real property and 78.8 cents on personal property and produced revenue of \$7,071,983.20. The proposed General Fund tax rate of 74.1 cents on real property and 74.2 cents on personal property is expected to produce \$7,428,301.94. Of this amount, \$1,192,642.91 is from new and personal property. The compensating tax rate for 2027 is 71.2 cents on real property and 71.3 cents on personal property and is expected to produce \$7,137,646.50.

The proposed rate is expected to generate more revenue than received in the preceding year. The general areas to which revenue of \$356,318.74 above 2026 revenue is to be allocated are as follows: Costs of collections, instruction, \$250,000.00; transportation, \$6,318.74; maintenance of plant, \$60,000.00.

This information is published pursuant to KRS 160.470. The proposed tax rate is not subject to recall under KRS 132.017.

The General Assembly has required publication of this advertisement and information contained herein.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Science Hill Independent Board of Education is proposing a general fund tax levy of 53.4 cents on real property and 53.4 cents on personal property.

The General Fund tax levied in fiscal year 2026 was 56.4 cents on real property and 56.4 cents on personal property and produced revenue of \$813,566.15. The proposed General Fund tax rate of 53.4 cents on real property and 53.4 cents on personal property is expected to produce \$846,204.77. Of this amount \$54,239.48 is from new and personal property. The compensating tax for 2027 is 53.4 cents on real property and 53.4 cents on personal property and is expected to produce \$846,204.77.

The proposed rate is expected to generate more revenue than received in the preceding year. The general areas to which revenue of \$32,638.60 above 2026 revenue is to be allocated are as follows: Cost of collections \$979.00, building fund \$10,000, instruction \$15,000, transportation \$3,000.00, and maintenance of plant \$3,659.60.

This information is published pursuant to KRS 160.470. The proposed tax rate is not subject to recall under KRS 132.017.

The General Assembly has required publication of this advertisement and information contained herein.

Brick Home • Garage • 2.6 +/- Ac • Pers. Prop
BIDDING ENDS THURSDAY • SEPTEMBER 10 • 10 AM EST
ONLINE ONLY ABSOLUTE AUCTION

**75 Gap Of The Ridge Rd.
Monticello, KY 42633**

OPEN HOUSE: THURSDAY • AUGUST 27 • 4-6 PM EST



EAGLEAUCTIONS.COM
A charming 2 bedroom 2.5 bathroom home with approximately 2000 sq. ft of living space conveniently located between Monticello and Somerset, KY. This well kept partially brick home has a gorgeous sunroom, living area with fireplace, dining area, kitchen and prep kitchen. Additionally, the property offers an attached garage and two other garages that ensure abundant storage space. Situated on 2.6 +/- acres, you will notice beautiful flower gardens and a koi pond ensuring a peaceful setting just off of Hwy 90. Also selling will be a large inventory of quality antiques and collectibles.

Nathan Groce • Agent/Auctioneer • (606) 688-1925
Lee J. Amonett • Broker/Auctioneer • (931) 252-1907

**AMONETT'S EAGLE AUCTION & REALTY**
2276 Livingston Hwy. • Monroe, TN 38573
26-061 **931-864-5335**
www.eagleauctions.com

Terms: 10% Buyer's Premium. RE: 20% Deposit at conclusion of sale, with balance due in 30 days. Seller Pays 2026 Taxes. Possession with Deed. Home Built prior to 1978, buyer to sign a 10 day waiver of inspection for lead based paint.PP: 6% KY Sales Tax Shall Apply. Payment & Pickup shall be Saturday, September 12 from 9 AM - 1 PM EST at 75 Gap of the Ridge Rd., Monticello KY. Cack or Check. No Shipping. Payment in Full. All Property selling "As Is, Where Is" both surface and subsurface with no warranties. Bidders should complete their own due diligence prior to the sale. Announcements & Updates Day of Sale Take Precedence Over All Other Advertising.