CCES students score high on tests



These are the students in the 4th Grade who scored Proficient in Science. Not pictured but part of the group were: Ely Hunter, Sawyer Gray, Aaliyah Wilson.



These are the students in the 4th Grade who scored Distinguished in Science.

Fall activities to squeeze in before winter

Winter has its share of devotees, but warmer times of year like, spring, summer and fall tend to entice people to spend more time outdoors than they might spend once temperatures dip below 40°F. As fall winds down and winter draws closer, people who love to spend time outdoors can look to these quintessential autumn activities to engage their love of the outdoors before temperatures drop.

Farm-based fun

Late fall may no longer qualify as picking season for people who love to pick their own fruits, but come late October and November there's still plenty of fun to be had down on the farm. Farms run the gamut from apple-picking paradises to spots tailor-made for wine enthusiasts, and these spots tend to feature lots of entertainment throughout fall. Hayrides, live music, tours of the grounds, and food and wine tastings are just some examples of farm-based fun that make for great ways to enjoy the welcoming weather of mid- to late-fall.

Hiking

There may be no more beautiful time of year than fall to spend a day hiking through the woods. The color palette come fall is loaded with bright reds, seasonal orange and splashes of yellow. The lower temperatures of fall invite scores of outdoor enthusiasts to don their hiking boots and spend a day snaking their way through wooded areas that range from simple and kid-friendly trails to more challenging hikes designed for seasoned hikers. Trails may be covered in snow in just a few short weeks, making mid- to late-fall an ideal time to soak in these stunning sights before the leaves fall.

Festivals

Fall is festival season in many areas, with scores of locales hosting seasonal events like days celebrating a town and Oktoberfest gatherings. Days devoted to towns often feature local vendors like restaurants, wineries and breweries and plenty of kid-friendly fun like bounce houses and sports clinics. As the season progresses, keep an eye out for popular Oktoberfest events that celebrate Bavarian culture and offer locals a chance to cut a rug and enjoy some hearty cuisine. As October draws to a close, Halloween festivals can make for a fun and costumed day out.

Football

Sports fans know football season kicks into high gear come October, when high school, college and professional teams all take to the gridiron each weekend. Those with no intention of spending a day combatting winter winds in the bleachers can take in a football game each mid- to late-fall before the mercury drops. Be sure to up the entertainment value by tailgating with friends and fellow fans prior to kickoff.

Mid- to late-fall is a great time to enjoy the great outdoors. A little fresh air before the mercury dips below freezing is a great way to spend weekend afternoons.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

CITY OF BURKESVILLE, KENTUCKY

2026 FLOOD DAMAGE – FEMA PERMANENT REPAIR PROJECTS

FEMA DISASTER DR-4937-KY

The City of Burkesville, Kentucky will accept sealed bids for permanent repair and restoration of public infrastructure damaged during the June 26–30, 2026 flooding event, declared a federal major disaster under FEMA DR-4937-KY. Work is intended to restore the affected facilities to their pre-disaster design, function, and capacity in accordance with the applicable FEMA-approved scope of work. Bidders may bid on one or more locations; each location must be priced separately.

PROJECT 1 – SOUTH WIND SPUR

Flood damage affected the protective covering of a fresh-water line and the associated embankment/shoulder. Work generally includes site preparation, placement of erosion-protection materials, and restoration of the protective covering and embankment using the City's Standard Method of Repair (SMOR).

FEMA scope quantities: Install 94.37 tons of cyclopean stone riprap and 63.33 square yards (SY) of geotextile fabric. Include grading, placement, stabilization, protection of existing water infrastructure, and related incidental work necessary to achieve a complete permanent repair.

PROJECT 2 – CUMBERLAND DRIVE CULVERT

Flood damage affected the culvert and associated roadway embankment. Work generally includes construction of a cast-in-place sloped and mitered headwall system and restoration and stabilization of the embankment/shoulder using the City's SMOR.

FEMA scope quantities: Install one cast-in-place sloped and mitered headwall system, 16 feet 6 inches wide × 8 feet high × 1 foot 3 inches deep (dimensions to be field-verified); install 67.55 tons of cyclopean stone riprap and 22.67 SY of geotextile fabric. Include forming, reinforcement and concrete details proposed by bidder, excavation, preparation, backfill, stabilization, and related incidental work. Any discrepancy or need for design clarification shall be reported before bidding.

PROJECT 3 – COPPERHEAD LANE CULVERT REPAIR

Flood damage affected the concrete culvert and gravel roadway surface. Work generally includes removal and replacement of the existing concrete culvert and restoration of the gravel roadway to its pre-disaster design, function, and capacity, in kind and within the existing footprint.

FEMA scope quantities: Remove and replace one concrete culvert, 20 feet long × 2 feet in diameter; replace 195.55 cubic yards (CY) of gravel roadway surface over an approximate 480-foot-long × 11-foot-wide × 1-foot-deep area. Include excavation, lawful disposal, suitable bedding and backfill, compaction, grading, drainage continuity, and restoration of disturbed areas.

REQUIRED STANDARD OF RESTORATION

All work shall restore disaster-damaged facilities to pre-disaster design, function, and capacity using the stated scope and City SMOR where applicable. No enlargement, betterment, changed alignment, material substitution, or work outside the described footprint may proceed without prior written City approval and any required FEMA or other agency review. Quantities shown above are the FEMA scope quantities for bidding; bidders shall inspect sites and disclose discrepancies or necessary additional work in their bid, without unilaterally changing the base scope.

MANDATORY SITE EVALUATION AND REPAIR PLAN WITH BID

Each bidder is responsible for inspecting each site on which it bids and verifying field conditions, access, measurements, utility conflicts, constructability, and material requirements. Include a written repair plan identifying methods, principal materials and specifications, construction sequence, erosion and sediment controls, and proposed means of protecting existing utilities and roadway users. Any exceptions or alternate proposals must be separately identified and priced; the base bid must address the stated scope.

FINAL BID REQUIREMENTS

Submit a separate itemized bid for each project, including quantities, unit prices where practical, lump-sum components, materials, labor, equipment, mobilization, excavation, hauling and disposal, backfill, compaction, stabilization, traffic control, site restoration, anticipated start date, estimated calendar days to completion, and total price. Identify subcontractors and proposed alternates. Bids must be signed by an authorized representative. The City may request additional responsibility documentation before award.

MATERIAL AND WORKMANSHIP STANDARDS

Work shall use new, appropriate materials and sound construction practices consistent with site conditions, applicable manufacturer specifications, codes, permits, and federal, state, and local requirements. Riprap, geotextile, culvert materials, concrete, gravel, bedding, and compaction must be suitable for the intended use. No reduction in existing drainage function or capacity is permitted without written authorization. All underground utility locations shall be verified before excavation.

CITY INSPECTION AND CORRECTION OF DEFICIENT WORK

The City or its representative may inspect work at reasonable times, including before concealed work is covered. The contractor shall provide notice before backfilling or concealing major work. Defective or nonconforming work shall be corrected at the contractor's expense. Final payment is subject to satisfactory completion and applicable contract requirements.

COMMENCEMENT AND COMPLETION

Bidders should have the equipment, staffing, materials, and availability to proceed promptly. Following award, contract execution, required approvals, and issuance of a written Notice to Proceed, work shall begin within five (5) calendar days unless otherwise authorized by the City, and proceed diligently to completion. No ground-disturbing work may begin before any required environmental/historic preservation clearance and permits are obtained.

BID SUBMISSION AND OPENING

Sealed bids shall be clearly marked "2026 FLOOD DAMAGE – FEMA PERMANENT REPAIR PROJECTS" and delivered to:

City of Burkesville - City Hall

379 Keen Street

Burkesville, KY 42717

Bids must be received no later than Thursday, November 19, 2026, at 5:00 PM Central Time. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time and location. Late bids will not be considered. Questions and site inspection arrangements: (270) 864-5391.

Bids will be reviewed and presented to the Burkesville City Council for consideration. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive minor informalities to the extent permitted by law, and award by individual project in accordance with applicable procurement requirements. Selection may consider responsiveness, responsibility, qualifications, materials and repair plan, schedule, and price as permitted by law.

FEDERAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE AND CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

These projects are associated with federally declared disaster FEMA DR-4937-KY and may be reimbursed in whole or part through FEMA Public Assistance, subject to eligibility and approval. The procurement and resulting contracts shall comply with applicable federal, Kentucky, and local requirements, including 2 CFR Part 200 (as applicable), 2 CFR 200.327 and Appendix II to Part 200. Applicable contract provisions must be included in the executed agreement, including remedies and termination; equal employment opportunity where required; Davis-Bacon only if independently applicable (it does not generally apply solely because of FEMA Public Assistance funding); Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act where applicable; Clean Air Act/Federal Water Pollution Control Act where applicable; suspension and debarment; Byrd anti-lobbying certification where applicable; procurement of recovered materials; domestic preference; and prohibition on certain covered telecommunications equipment/services. The contractor must not be suspended or debarred from federal awards. The City will incorporate required provisions and certifications into the contract documents prior to execution.

The City of Burkesville is an Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages qualified contractors to submit bids.

988 Suicide Prevention Lifeline

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Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation, a **non-profit** economic development organization, has been serving eastern Kentucky businesses for over 50 years. Our goal has been, and continues to be, to help homegrown, small business owners like you with the financing you need for expansion or to start a new business.

We have many types of **loans from $500 to $10 million** for businesses ranging from a small, family-owned startup to the most sophisticated manufacturer or service company.

We hope that you will stop by and see us when we are in your area to see how we can help you succeed. You can also call us at anytime at our offices in **London, Kentucky at 606-864-5175** and learn how we can help you with your business financing needs.

Come meet with a member of our staff:
Tuesday, November 10, 2026
Cumberland County Public Library
Community Room
114 Hill Street, Burkesville, KY
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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