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Scouting America Venturing Crew 22 held an Eagle Court of Honor last December. Two of the three scouts honored in the Bourbon County Crew are from Cynthiana, Isabella Galasso and Revan Vest. From left: Vest, Galasso and James Barney.

Isabella Galasso becomes first local Eagle Scout

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BOURBON COUNTY CITIZEN

On Dec. 6, 2025, family members, friends and fellow Scouts gathered for a memorable Eagle Court of Honor, celebrating the achievements of Isabella Galasso, Revan Vest and James Barney. The ceremony recognized their dedication, leadership and service as they were honored for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout and for the exceptional accomplishments beyond it.

The evening marked a historic milestone for the local Scouting community. Isabella Galasso became the first female Eagle Scout in Bourbon County, a significant achievement, reflecting both personal determination and the continued growth of scouting opportunities.

Isabella earned an

impressive, 10 Eagle Palms, demonstrating sustained commitment and excellence. Her Eagle Scout service project involved building and installing bat houses at Paris cemetery, providing environmentally, beneficial habitats while supporting local conservation efforts.

Revan, who earned eight Eagle Palms, was recognized for his continued leadership, service, and dedication to the principles of Scouting. His Eagle Scout service project involved welding a diving platform for training divers for use at Laurel Lake, enhancing safety, and preparedness for underwater training activities.

James Barney achieved an extraordinary 11 Eagle Palms, reflecting one of the highest levels of post-Eagle achievement. His Eagle Scout service project focused on a raising

awareness and collecting essential items for veterans exiting homelessness. As part of his project, James organized and scheduled a community collection event, gathering donated supplies as well as monetary contributions to support veterans transitioning out of homelessness.

The Court of Honor included reflections on each Scout's Eagle project, recognition of troop, leadership, and expressions of gratitude to the families, mentors and community members who supported the Scouts along the way. The ceremony served as both a celebration of individual accomplishments and a testament to the values of citizenship, character and service

that Scouting promotes.

The Eagle Court of Honor stood as a proud and inspiring occasion, honoring the lasting impact, Isabella, Revan and James made on their crew, their community and beyond.

Isabella Galasso is the daughter of Pete and Lisa Galasso, of Cynthiana; Raven Vest is the son of Josh and Alicia Vest, of Cynthiana; and James Barney is the son of Roy and Vicki Barney, of Georgetown.

Scouting America Venturing Crew 22 is chartered by Ride for the Heroes of Kentucky, Inc. and sponsored by the Hopewell Museum in Paris.

Spring turkey season opens April

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AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES

After a frigid winter filled with snow and ice, Kentucky's 2026 spring turkey hunting season arrives with excitement for both hunters and biologists.

Higher-than-usual turkey brood surveys – summertime observations of young turkey poults hatched that year - signal healthy populations of gobblers for hunters to pursue in the commonwealth this season.

The spring hunting season kicks off with a youth-only weekend, April 4-5, followed by the 23-day general season starting April 18. Hunters with proper permits can harvest two birds during the season but only one a day. Legal birds are male or have a beard.

In 2025, hunters telechecked 30,661 birds, less than in 2024 and 2023 but more than in 2022 and 2021. Biologists say this year's season has the potential for another high harvest, given numbers related to reproductive success two years ago.

Brood surveys from 2024 showed 70 percent of hens with poults, compared to 62 percent in 2023. Male poults hatched

in 2024 will be vocal 2-year-olds this spring.

The average number of poults per hen increased between 2023 and 2024 not only statewide (from 2.3 to 2.7) but also in all three regions of the state. The increases in poults per hen were most significant in the east (from 1.78 to 2.28) and west (from 2.62 to 3.11).



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Harrison County Conservation District

This is to inform the public that our meetings are scheduled on the second Monday at 6:30 PM monthly at the Harrison County Conservation Office, located at 103 Rodgers Park Dr. We voted to keep our meeting stay at 6:30 pm year round, regardless of the time change, at our last board meeting on March 9th.



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The Harrison County Fiscal Court will be holding a public hearing on April 14, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at the Harrison County Courthouse Community Room (2nd Floor), 111 S. Main Street, for the purpose of obtaining citizens comments regarding the possible uses of the County Road Aid (CRA) and Local Government Economic Assistance (LGEA) Funds. All interested persons in Harrison County are invited to attend the hearing to submit verbal or written comments on possible uses of the CRA and LGEA Funds. Any person(s) who cannot submit written comments or attend the public hearing but wish to submit comments, should call the Office of the County Judge/Executive at (859) 234-7136 by April 10, 2026 so the arrangements can be made to secure their comments.



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