



SUBMITTED PHOTOS
Classic cars are on display at Coal Grove Nazarene on Sunday.



STAFF REPORT

Coal Grove Church of the Nazarene had its annual car show on Sunday afternoon, drawing more than 80 cars and bikes, according to Pas-

tor Rev. Jeff Canfield.

More than 150 people turned out for the event, which featured, food, drinks, a bake sale, door prizes and tools.

Canfield said the event

started in 2007. It has occurred every year except for two, due to COVID.

Coal Grove Nazarene, at 135 Center Street, has Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. and morning service at 10:45.

Mountain Association publishes 50th anniversary impact report

SUBMITTED CONTENT

BEREA Mountain Association recently announced the release of its 50th Anniversary Impact Report, a comprehensive look at five decades of work alongside communities, businesses and local leaders to build a stronger, more resilient economy across eastern Kentucky and central Appalachia, according to a news release.

Founded in 1976 by eight community development organizations, Mountain Association has spent the past 50 years investing in people and places to expand economic opportunity, strengthen communities, and support a future shaped by local leadership and local ownership.

The report chronicles the organization's evolution from a pioneering community development organization to one of Appalachia's leading Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs).

"Over the last 50 years, we've learned that lasting

economic change happens when communities have access to capital, trusted partnerships, and the resources to turn local ideas into action," said Robin Gabbard, President of Mountain Association. "This report is ultimately a story about the people of Appalachia. It reflects the creativity, determination and resilience of communities that continue to build opportunity for future generations."

Since 2000, Mountain Association has deployed \$94.9 million throughout Eastern Kentucky, including \$70.7 million in persistent-poverty counties, helping small businesses, nonprofits, and communities access financing often unavail-

able through traditional sources. They've provided 66,190 hours of business expertise provided to 4,628 entrepreneurs since 2013.

The report highlights Mountain Association's role in helping diversify eastern Kentucky's economy as coal employment declined, supporting sectors ranging from manufacturing and forestry to agriculture, healthcare, arts and culture, child-care, food access and social services.

Over the years, the organization has invested more than \$16 million in nearly 150 grocery, supermarket and food-service projects, recognizing local food access as both an economic and community development

priority. The report also details investments of more than \$8.2 million in wood and forestry businesses, \$7.2 million in social service organizations and \$6.5 million in healthcare-related enterprises.

A major focus of the report is the growing importance of resilience in Appalachia. Since launching its energy savings initiative in 2008, Mountain Association has helped facilitate

329 energy-efficiency upgrades and 133 solar projects, supported by more than \$10.3 million in financing. These efforts have saved 17.7 million kilowatt-hours of electricity, the equivalent environmental impact of planting nearly 258,000 trees and allowing them to grow for ten years.

The report also highlights Mountain Association's response to recent challenges, including support for flood recov-

ery efforts following the devastating 2022 eastern Kentucky floods and more than 13 subsequent natural disasters. The organization invested \$1.84 million in rebuilding efforts and provided 1,623 hours of intensive support to developing community resilience hubs that serve as critical resources during emergencies.

Visit mtassociation.org/fifty for the full report.

TOP FIVE STORIES, SEPT. 7-13

Rank-Headline

1. Former cheer coach indicted on theft charges
2. Local resident recalls firsthand account of 9/11 in NYC
3. Ashland man indicted on rape charge
4. Edwards's big win was 25 years ago
5. Honey Baked Ham coming to Ashland

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY
ASHLAND DIVISION

IN RE: AW FARMS, LLC
CASE NO. 26-10215-dll
CHAPTER 11 — SUBCHAPTER V
NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to an Order of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, AW Farms, LLC is soliciting bids for the sale of substantially all of its assets pursuant to § 363 of the Bankruptcy Code.

The assets include the Debtor's real estate, the Meat House, equipment, machinery, inventory, customer lists, intellectual property, goodwill, and other business assets. The sale is subject to Court-approved Bidding Procedures and final approval by the Bankruptcy Court.

BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 22, 2026 AT 5:00 P.M. EASTERN TIME.

If more than one Qualified Bid is received, an **Auction will be held September 25, 2026. The Sale Hearing is scheduled for October 14, 2026.**

Interested parties may obtain additional information, bidding procedures, related court orders, sale documents, and access to due diligence materials by contacting:

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