

Drug bust in Boyd includes large amount of fentanyl

STAFF REPORT

Boyd County Sheriff’s deputies made six arrests stemming from a major drug bust on Wednesday. According to the sheriff’s office, deputies executed a search warrant at 2122 Shopes Creek Road. Ashland Police, ATF and Boyd County Sheriff’s K-9 Winter assisted in the execution of the warrant. The search and related vehicle stops resulted in six individuals being arrested. Deputies recovered and seized 73.2 grams of fentanyl, 17.8 grams of meth, 11.7 grams of marijuana and \$728 in cash. The investigation is ongoing and additional charges and arrests are expected, according to the Boyd County Sheriff’s Office. “We would like to thank Jailer Bill Hensley and his staff for assisting with prisoner transport and the use of their van,” Sheriff Jamie Reihs said in a social media post.

Monday is last day to register to vote in Ky. before November election

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This coming Monday — Oct. 5 — is the last day for Kentuckians to register to vote ahead of the November general election.

Registering can be completed online, via mail or by returning voter registration cards to your local County Clerk’s office. As of August, the state has about 3.3 million registered voters.

In order to vote next month, online registration must be completed on Monday by 4 p.m. local time. Mailed registrations must be postmarked by Oct. 5.

The general election is Tuesday, Nov. 3. The ballot will include local and statehouse races, as well as federal elections for the U.S. House and Senate. One constitutional amendment regarding governors’ pardon powers will be on the ballot.

According to the Secretary of State’s Office, the qualifications for voters to register in in Kentucky are:

- Be a U.S. citizen and a Kentucky resident for

at least 28 days before the election. Non-U.S. citizens and U.S. nationals do not qualify.

- Be at least 18 years old by the next general election.

- Cannot be a convicted felon. For some with an expungement, executive pardon or executive order, the right to vote may be restored.

- Cannot have been judged mentally incompetent in a court of law or have voting rights removed.

- Cannot claim the right to vote outside Kentucky.

To request an absentee ballot or learn more information about voting in Kentucky, visit the online voter information portal at <https://vrsws.sos.ky.gov/ovrweb/gov-oteky/>.

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Walk to End Alzheimer’s Sunday

STAFF REPORT

ASHLAND The 2026 Walk to End Alzheimer’s-Ashland will be at Central Park on Sunday, Oct. 4, at 1:30 p.m. The ceremony will begin at 2:15, with the walk starting immediately following. While it is free to register, donations are encouraged. All funds raised advance the care, support and research efforts of the Alzheimer’s Association. Visit act.alz.org for more information.



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Individuals walk through the start/finish point of the Walk To End Alzheimer’s on an October day in 2025.

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF

State makes 3-way stop in Russell

RUSSELL

There is now a three-way stop near the Russell Fire station where St. Christopher Drive meets Kenwood Drive.

Russell Mayor Ron Simpson announced the addition of the new stop sign that creates a three-way stop during Russell’s city council meeting on Thursday, Sept. 24. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet made the decision to install the sign.

“I don’t want to make a big deal out of it, but when it backs up at rush hour into Diederich Boulevard maybe we’ll talk about it,” said councilman Vincenzo Fressola.

Russell Police Chief Shane Elkins said there was a serious accident at that spot not long ago, prompting him to call the local dispatch center to determine how many accidents were at that location in the last couple years. He said there have been at least seven wrecks there.

“I didn’t go back and pull every accident, but I can just about guarantee every one of them was related to one thing; when you pull up to that intersection, you think it’s a three-way stop,” Elkins said.

Elkins reached out to KYTC District 9 to evaluate. The state determined it would be appropriate to install another stop sign.

“Everybody might not like it, but I think it’s a good idea,” Elkins said. “I think it’s long overdue.”

Habitat for Humanity of the Tri-State to dedicate 163rd Home

HUNTINGTON

Habitat for Humanity of the Tri-State will dedicate its 163rd home on Monday evening, marking a new beginning for Jessica Israel and her family.

Friends, community partners, volunteers and

Habitat staff will celebrate more than just the completion of a house, according to a press release. They will mark the beginning of a new chapter for Israel in a safe, decent and affordable home built through partnership and hard work.

Habitat for Humanity of the Tri-State will dedicate the home on Monday, Oct. 5, at 5:30 p.m. at 1411 9th Ave. in Huntington.

The home was made possible through the work of Habitat volunteers, paid construction staff and the support of community and corporate partners including the West Virginia Housing Development Fund, Nucor West Virginia, Truist WV Foundation, Encova Foundation WV, St. Mary’s Auxiliary and RBC Wealth Management.

Tri-County Choir in Concert

IRONTON

The Tri-County Choir will be in concert on Saturday, Oct. 10, from 6-8 p.m. at West Ironton Church of the Nazarene.

There is no charge for the concert.

The evening will feature worship, fellowship and singing of Gospel hymns and music.

West Ironton Church of the Nazarene is at 317 Elm Street.

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