Festival of Trees well under way at Paramount



STAFF REPORT

ASHLAND The 42nd annual Festival of Trees is off and running at The Paramount Theater Ashland.

The holiday tradition features decorated trees, entertainment, children's activities, food, local shopping and more. The event is presented by Continuing the Legacy Foundation. This year's theme is "Penguins on Parade."

The remaining schedule is as follows:

• Today, Nov. 24 (festival open, 12-8 p.m.)

• Wednesday, Nov. 25 (festival open, 12-8 p.m.)

• Thursday, Nov. 26 (festival open, 12-8 p.m.)

• Friday, Nov. 27 (festival open, 12-8 p.m.): sensory hour, 11 a.m. to noon; Mikey Ashmore, 4 p.m.; Studio 301, 5 p.m.; Crooked Oaks, 6 p.m.; and Bobby Blanton, 7 p.m.

• Saturday, Nov. 28 (festival open, 12-8 p.m.): cocoa with Santa, noon to 2 p.m.; MJ Williamson Fosson, 4 p.m.; Bobby Blanton, 5 p.m.; Lane & Mike Moore, 6 p.m.; and Render the Hearts, 7 p.m.

• Sunday, Nov. 29 (festival open, 12-5 p.m.): Ashland Youth Ballet, 1 p.m.; Phil Osborne & John Griffiths, 2 p.m.; Lincoln County Cloggers, 3 p.m.; Steve Free, 4 p.m.; Online bidding ends, 5 p.m.; purchased item pickup (backstage) 6-8 p.m.

Purchased item pickup (backstage) will also take place Monday, Nov. 30, from 5-8 p.m.

Visit ashlandfestival.com for more information.







SUBMITTED PHOTOS

TOP LEFT: The Boyd County High School jazz bands performs at Festival of Trees at The Paramount Theater Ashland over the weekend. FAR LEFT: The Campbell Elementary Christmas tree is seen. LEFT: The Midnite Society Tattoo Christmas tree is seen. ABOVE: The Members Choice Credit Union Christmas tree is on display at Festival of Trees in the Paramount Theater Ashland. The theme of this year's event is "Penguins on Parade."

CONGRESSIONAL VOTES, WEEK OF NOV. 13-19

BY TARGETED NEWS SERVICE

WASHINGTON Here's a look at how area members of Congress voted over the previous week.

Along with its roll call votes this week, the Senate also passed the Improving Access to Workers' Compensation for Injured Federal Workers Act (S. 3296), to cover, for purposes of workers' compensation, services by physician assistants and nurse practitioners provided to injured federal government workers; the Safe Cloud Storage Act (H.R. 7834), to limit liability for certain entities storing child sexual abuse material for law enforcement agencies; and the DEATH BETS Act (S. 4035), to prohibit the listing of contracts relating to war, death, and similar activities.

The House also passed: the Settlement Agreement Information Database Act (H.R. 7934), to require the publication of settlement agreements; the Crossett Experimental Forest Act (H.R. 10136), to require the Agriculture Department to convey the Crossett Experimental Forest to Arkansas; the Renewing the African American Civil Rights Network Act (H.R. 9269), to extend the authorization of the African American Civil Rights Network; and the South Dakota Water Feasibility Studies Act (H.R. 9785), to direct the Interior Department to conduct studies to determine the feasibility of constructing projects to supply municipal, rural, and industrial water in certain parts of the Missouri River basin.

House votes

House Vote 1:

THOMAS PAINE: The House has passed the Common Sense 250 Act (H.R. 9600), sponsored by Rep. Jamie Raskin, D-Md., to require placing a monument to Thomas Paine in a portion of the National Mall in Washington, D.C., that is devoted to commemorating historically important art. Raskin said the monument would help "secure the legacy of this indispensable, but often overlooked, Founding Father." The vote, on Nov. 17, was 365 yeas to 36 nays.

YEAS: Barr R-KY (6th), Guthrie R-KY (2nd), Massie R-KY (4th), Rogers (KY) R-KY (5th), Comer R-KY (1st), McGarvey D-KY (3rd)

House Vote 2:

MAPPING NATURAL RESOURCES: The House has passed the Earth MRI Reauthorization Act (H.R. 9640), sponsored by Rep. Robert J. Wittman, R-Va., to reauthorize through fiscal 2031 the Earth Mapping Resources Initiative (MRI) at the U.S. Geological Survey. The Initiative catalogs and maps natural resources, including critical minerals, in the United States. The vote, on Nov. 18, was 396 yeas to 14 nays.

YEAS: Barr R-KY (6th), Guthrie R-KY (2nd), Rogers (KY) R-KY (5th), Comer R-KY (1st), McGarvey D-KY (3rd)

NAYS: Massie R-KY (4th)

House Vote 3:

PREVENTIVE HEALTH CARE: The House has passed the Preventive Health Savings Act (H.R. 4464), sponsored by Rep. Jay Obernolte, R-Calif., to require the Congressional Budget Office to consider the long-term budget impacts of preventive health care when analyzing proposed legislation. Obernolte said that by removing the current 10-year limit on such analysis, the bill would "help Congress better understand whether preventive health policies could improve health outcomes while reducing long-term costs to both taxpayers and our federal healthcare programs." The vote, on Nov. 19, was unanimous with 401 yeas.

YEAS: Barr R-KY (6th), Guthrie R-KY (2nd), Massie R-KY (4th), Rogers (KY) R-KY (5th), Comer R-KY (1st), McGarvey D-KY (3rd)

Senate votes

Senate Vote 1:

APPEALS COURT JUDGE: The Senate has confirmed the nomination of Daniel Desmond Domenico to be a judge on the U.S. Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. Domenico has been a judge on the U.S. District Court for Colorado since spring 2019, following a decade as the state's solicitor general. An opponent, Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., said: "Judge Domenico's record rubberstamping President Trump's unlawful mass deportation policies as a district court judge makes him unfit for the Tenth Circuit." The vote, on Nov. 16, was 51 yeas to 46 nays.

YEAS: Paul R-KY, McConnell R-KY

Senate Vote 2:

SECOND APPEALS COURT JUDGE: The Senate has confirmed the nomination of Anna St. John to be a judge on the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. St. John became a judge on a U.S. district court in Louisiana this April; for the previous decade, she had been an attorney at the Hamilton Lincoln Law Institute in New Orleans, specializing in settlements of class action lawsuits. A supporter, Sen. John Barrasso, R-Wyo., said St. John would be one of the "judges who honor and follow the Constitution, judges who apply the law of the land as it is written, and they protect our God-given rights." An opponent, Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., cited testimony from St. John to Congress five years ago that he said was "in support of compelling abuse survivors into forced arbitration." The vote, on Nov. 17, was 52 yeas to 46 nays.

YEAS: Paul R-KY, McConnell R-KY

Senate Vote 3:

IRAN WAR AUTHORIZATION: The Senate has rejected a bill (H. Con. Res. 93), sponsored by Rep. Seth Moulton, D-Mass., that would have required the cessation of U.S. military hostilities against Iran absent a Congressional authorization or declaration of war. A supporter, Sen. Tim Kaine, D-Va., said "the war was unconstitutional from the start because it was not a war of imminent defense and the president did not seek the Congressional authorization required by the Constitution." An opponent, Sen. Tim Sheehy, R-Mont., called the conflict with Iran "a war of necessity" and said a move to curb its prosecution would be used by Iran as "a tool to delay us, to buy time and resources to continue their murderous regime and to continue to kill Americans, harm our interests, and try to take over the region and the world." The vote, on Nov. 19, was 48 yeas to 51 nays.

YEAS: Paul R-KY

NAYS: McConnell R-KY

Senate Vote 4:

PERMITTING RULES: The Senate has passed the Bipartisan American Affordability and Jobs Act (H.R. 2347), sponsored by Rep. Lloyd Smucker, R-Pa., to change the framework for federal government reviews of permit applications, including by speeding environmental reviews; and also change various elements of reviews of energy infrastructure developments. A supporter, Sen. Mike Lee, R-Utah, said: "Literally everything you buy will be made potentially more affordable by this bill in a very meaningful, very material way." An opponent, Sen. Jeff Merkley, D-Ore., cited concerns that the bill would curtail "the ability of states to weigh in on clean water and clean air" consequences of projects such as natural gas-based power plants. The vote, on Nov. 19, was 62 yeas to 33 nays.

YEAS: Paul R-KY

NOT VOTING: McConnell R-KY

PUBLIC NOTICES

INVITATION TO BID

Pathways Inc. will be accepting sealed bids for the following vehicle types. Two (2) 2026 or current-year model ranging from 12-16 Seat Passenger Vans. One (1) 12-16 Seat Passenger Van with hydraulic rear entry wheelchair lift (retaining 10 seats in rear). One (1) Mini Van with a rear load wheelchair ramp. Parties interested in submitting a bid should email jarmstead@pathways-ky.org requesting a bid package. An intention to bid must be emailed to the above address no later than November 24, 2026. Sealed bids will be accepted until 5:00 PM EST on **Wednesday, December 16, 2026.**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 405 KAR 8:010, Section 16(5), the following is a summary of permitting decisions made by the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Permits with respect to applications to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations in Boyd County.

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