

New driver licensing system launches this June

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A new, modernized driver licensing system and online portal will be launching this June, providing online services that help reduce wait times at regional offices and minimize paperwork. The improved system will replace the current, nearly 40-year-old system and allow Kentuckians to create accounts through the new portal, myDrive, that enable them to pre-apply for a license, permit or ID, request a card replacement, check their current license standing, and more.

Kentuckians due to renew in June are strongly encouraged to visit a Driver Licensing Regional Office before June 4, as all offices will close on June 4 and 5 and hours of operation will be adjusted from June 8-18 for the system migration. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC)'s new system, known as the Kentucky Information Network for Driver Licensing (KINDL), is scheduled to launch Monday, June 8.

The new system will streamline licensing for commercial drivers too, allowing medical certificates to be accepted directly from approved medical providers, cutting out the middle step of needing to manually submit results yourself to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) National Registry. Once launched, the state's MyCDL portal for commercial drivers to upload medical certificates will be discontinued, as it will no longer be needed.

Changes to services during transition To allow staff to convert more than 4 million driver records into the KINDL system, the following temporary changes to licensing services will be necessary.

All Driver Licensing Regional Offices will close Thursday, June 4 - Friday, June 5. Offices will reopen on Monday, June 8. Walk-in hours will be 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. through June 18.

While once-a-month Saturday hours will not be hosted in June, two May Saturday options will be available on May 9 and May 30 from 8 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Monthly Saturday hours will resume in July.

Online driver's license renewal will be unavailable beginning Wednesday, June 3. Services will be restored on Monday, June 8.

Cardholders can renew their driver's license up to six months before their card's expiration date. New myDrive Accounts for Online Services Starting June 8, all online licensing services, including those for commercial driver's license (CDL) holders, will require a myDrive account. Account holders can enjoy the following new services:

Pre-apply for a license, permit or ID to save time during an in-person visit to request a card for the first time or to renew a license. Request a card replacement

Change their address Check their current license standing (i.e. suspended) and production status of their card

View individual licensing communications sent by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

An account will also be needed to renew your license online, register an emergency contact, sign up for license expiration reminders, or pay reinstatement fees. More details on how to set up an account will be shared as the rollout approaches.

Parents, please talk to your children

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Clear skies and warm, dry weather brings everyone out enjoying early summertime. With the advent of four wheelers, part of that freedom has been being able to ride just about anywhere and everywhere.

Unfortunately, some of those places are illegal.

Recently, the Grant County Sheriff's Office posted they have been "receiving a high number of calls regarding children operating ATVs and dirt bikes on public roads and numerous subdivisions in the county."

Citing Kentucky Revised Statute (KRS) 189.515, the Sheriff's Office encouraged parents to talk to their children about the "illegal activities before a rider is seriously injured or killed."

According to 189.515(2) except for authorized vehicles such as those that can be permitted to be driven on highways, "a person shall not operate an all-terrain vehicle upon any public highway or roadway or upon the right-of-way of any public highway or roadway" nor "on private property without the consent of the landowner, tenant, or individual responsible for the property."

Additionally, anyone 16 or older driving on public property must be wearing protective headgear at all times the vehicle is in motion unless it is farm, mining, logging or commercial/industrial activities, is on private property or crossing a public roadway at a "as close to a" 90 degree angle as possible and no more than 0.2 mile.

The KRS cautions parents or legal guardians of those under six to not allow those kids to operate an all-terrain vehicle and, if riding, the young person must have proper headgear. Those up to sixteen must be under "direct parental supervision" and if driving must not have riders.

The Sheriff's Office said they "encourage everyone to know when and where ATVs and dirt bikes are allowed. Riders may not trespass on private property without the landowner's permission. We encourage riding ATVs and dirt bikes in a safe and legal manner."

KRS states when riding on a two lane highway, the "all-terrain vehicle" must be driven by a licensed driver, must have at least one headlight and two taillights, illuminated at all times, be driven during daylight hours (unless "engaged in snow removal or emergency road maintenance") and have all "manufacturer age restriction warning label" requirements affixed.

The Sheriff's Office wrote, "At this time, (the notice) is only a public warning to parents and riders." They further cautioned, "illegal operation of ATVs and dirt bikes can lead to impoundment with unwanted fees and/or fines."

GRANT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND JAIL REPORTS

Between March 29 and April 4, 2026, the Grant County Sheriff's Office:

- Served 61 summons and/or subpoenas
- Spent 4.5 hours serving court
- Investigated one collision (in county residence)
- Executed six arrests/warrants (out of county residence)
- Drove 1,354 miles transporting prisoners

4/7 - Deputy Michael Wells under warrant, arrested Carlos Albuerne, 28, of Williamstown on Barnes Road, Williamstown at 2:24 a.m. on offense or charge of bail jumping, first, and failure to appear. Albuerne was lodged in the Grant County Detention Center

4/7 - Deputy Trenton Dalton arrested Frankie M. Simpson, Jr., 43, of Williamstown on Interstate 75, Williamstown at 2:32 p.m. on offense or charge of operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol, 0.08; improper passing and speeding 24 miles per hour over limit. Simpson was lodged in the Grant County Detention Center.

2026
Total Inmates: 311 (Male: 263, Female: 48)

INMATES BY COUNTY:
52 Grant
40 Gallatin (Paying)
1 Owen (Paying)
14 Pendleton (Paying)
1 Other (arrested in Grant County on warrants, awaiting pickup)

STATE INMATES:
100 SAP (Substance Abuse Program - pays extra)
54 SOAR I & 2 (Supporting Others in Active Recovery, Levels I & II, pays extra)
49 Other (regular rate)

GRANT COUNTY JAIL REPORT
Population analysis, April 16,

ASK RUSTY

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Dear Rusty: I turn 65 this November 2026. Someone told me I need to set up a Social Security account at least 3 months ahead of time before applying for Medicare for the first time. I do not intend to take any Social Security benefits until, perhaps, age 67 or later. Please advise and thank you. Signed: Looking Ahead

Dear Looking Ahead: You don't technically need to "set up" an online SSA account to enroll in Medicare, but it would be more efficient to do so. We always recommend creating your online "my Social Security" account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount well before you are ready to claim your Social Security benefits.

That's because you can monitor your projected Social Security benefits to help you decide when to claim, but it also facilitates other things you might need to do at the Social Security Administration (such as claiming your SS retirement benefits online and enrolling in Medicare online).

As for Medicare, you can enroll in Medicare up to three months before the month you turn 65, and you can contact the Social Security Administration by phone up to three months prior in order to schedule an appointment to enroll over the phone (call 1.800.772.1213 to make the appointment). You can enroll via telephone, even if you don't have your "my Social Security" online account set up.

However, an advantage to creating your personal online Social Security account is that you could then enroll in Medicare online as described at this link: www.ssa.gov/medicare/sign-up. And you can, as you wish to do, enroll only in Medicare without also taking your Social Security benefits at this time.

I want to also make you aware that if you are still working and have "creditable" healthcare coverage from your employer ("creditable" is an employer group plan with at least 20 participants), then you can delay enrolling in Medicare until your employer coverage ends (thus saving the usual Medicare Part B monthly premium). When your

employer's healthcare coverage ends, you will enter a Special Enrollment Period during which you can enroll in Medicare without incurring a Late Enrollment Penalty.

Finally, please be aware that whenever you claim your Social Security benefits, you will be automatically enrolled in Medicare Part A (inpatient hospitalization coverage) and Part B (coverage for outpatient medical services). Since there is a monthly premium associated with Medicare Part B (but not with Part A), you can choose to decline Part B if you are still working and covered by your employer's creditable healthcare plan, until your employer's healthcare coverage ends.

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and ziplock baggy (poke a couple of holes in your baggy for a little air circulation). Keep the soil moist, not soggy, using a spray bottle while the cutting is under plastic, until your cutting roots out.

Once rooted you can remove the greenhouse but continue to use a spray bottle to mist your plants. Their roots are still developing so some mist on the foliage provides necessary moisture.

Cuttings generally root out better under mist so dampen the soil during preparation but follow up with a mist routine until you take the greenhouse baggy off.

Let them mature somewhere in the shade outside and begin to water them as needed (which will likely be often). They will appreciate the humidity of our summers more than the cool and dry conditions of an air-conditioned house, so I prefer to move them outdoors in the shade.

As the summer progresses your hydrangea

cuttings will mature enough to be planted in the garden by fall.

Some plants root out better as hard wood cuttings so you would wait until late summer to propagate. Hardwood cuttings can be rooted out in a prepared bed (sandy soil and some kind of cold frame rigged up are good here) outside and good candidates include shrubby plants like roses (especially the old-fashioned ones), boxwood and taxus.

You can also try the technique of layering branches, stems, or runners to the soil to root out while they are still attached to the plant. Plants that naturally sucker are good candidates for layering; they include brambles, lilacs, forsythia, calycanthus, itea and fothergilla.

Sometimes layering happens by accident, a stem will sag to the ground, get covered in a little soil and root out by the end of the season: this is what we want to mimic.

You can use a sod staple, brick, or other heavy item to hold the branch down until the soil-

covered part roots out and you cut it away from the mother plant.



Legal Notice
Grant County Planning Commission

The Grant County Planning Commission will meet on May 4, 2026 at 7:00 PM at the Grant County Courthouse at 101 N. Main Street, Williamstown, KY 41097, in order to hear the following petition:

A Special Use Application has been submitted by Vertical Bridge regarding the property located at: 5367 Folsom Jonesville Rd, Dry Ridge, KY 41035 concerning Grant County Planning Commission, Administrative Policy Number 1, Regulation for Cellular Antenna Towers and Cellular Telecommunication Services of the Grant County Zoning Ordinance: to allow the construction of a new wireless communications facility. Parcel #: 009-00-00-014.00.

The petition may be examined at the office of the Grant County Planning Commission, located at: 101 N. Main Street, Williamstown, KY 41097.

Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing. Information related to this petition may be requested by emailing the Planning and Zoning Administrator, Becky Ruhoff, at: bruhoff@grantco.org or calling 859-824-7770.

GRANT COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE RECORDS

GRANT COUNTY PROPERTY TRANSFERS:

4/9 - Julie R Scott Jernigan to Sheila K. Simpson Scott Revocable Trust and Sheila K. Simpson Scott Trustee, 134.8995 acres Tebelman Hightower Road for \$280,000

4/9 - Michael J. Paul and Judi Rogers Paul to Anthony W. Collins, Jr, 10.065 acres Mann Road for \$140,000

4/13 - Dora Gordon to Timothy Burgess and Tucker Burgess, 6.00 acres Moon Road for \$28,000

4/14 - Sudie Henry Estate to Eric Brockman, 26.787 acres Smoky Road for \$415,000

4/14 - Johannes Frederik Philippo and Hyacintha Patricia Philippo to Johannes Frederik Philippo and Hyacintha Patricia Philippo, 95 acres Humes Ridge Road

for \$1.00

MARRIAGES
4/9 - Makenzie Sue-Ann Fritz to Fred Daniel Partin, Jr.
4/10 - Stephanie Nicole Cooper to John Michael Burge
4/10 - Michelle Percy Jean Johnson to Larry Britt Byrd
4/10 - Lynda Michelle Schoemaker to Donnell Joshua McGruder

POSTED NO TRESPASSING

**No Trespassing Persons are notified that the land and property belonging to the below listed persons are posted against hunting, fishing, trapping, 4-wheeling or dirt bike riding, walking, horseback riding, woodcutting, dumping or any other kind of trespassing.

Owners are not responsible for any accidents.
Violators will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

POSTED PROPERTY LISTINGS ARE BELOW.

Property of Doering Family Ltd. Partnership on Dry Ridge Mt. Zion Rd., Dry Ridge.

PROPERTY LOCATED AT - 5340 Stewartsville Rd., Williamstown.

Dimitt Property 7120 Warsaw Rd Dry Ridge (Old Kelly Martin Farm).

DEGLOW, RICHARD & LINDA. Farm at 1495 Heekin Road, Williamstown, KY.

MCINTIRE PROPERTY located on Old Cynthiana Rd. and Oak Ridge Pike.

MARTIN PROPERTY - Lots on Sunny Hill Drive, Dry Ridge, KY.

West-Marsh Property located at 2975 Falmouth Rd., Williamstown, KY

Henry Family Farm at 1115 Smokey Rd., Williamstown, KY 41097

PICKETT Property located at 10490 Taft Hwy, Williamstown (Route 22 & White Chapel Road)

Janice & Jack Bowling property located on White Chapel Road.

Littrell Property located at 800 & 940 Ashbrook Rd. Williamstown, KY 41097 NO TRESPASSING & NO HUNTING

The Darlington Properties located at Lawrenceville Rd (East of Eagle Creek) Williamstown, Ky. and 10765 Taft Hwy., Williamstown, Ky.

Kathy and James Havens, 5843 Baton Rouge Rd.

PROPERTY LOCATED AT - 202 McGee Rd., Crittenden, Ky. and 207 McGee Rd., Crittenden, Ky.