

State announces 2026 ag poster, essay competition

‘Bluegrass Roots, Agriculture Strong,’ theme focuses on state’s farming heritage

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Kentucky students are invited to enter the Kentucky Department of Agriculture’s (KDA) annual Poster and Essay Contest, Commissioner of Agriculture Jonathan Shell has

announced. The theme of the 2026 contest is “Bluegrass Roots, Agriculture Strong” encouraging contestants to illustrate in words, original artwork, or photographs how Kentucky’s heritage is reflective in its agriculture. “Kentucky’s history is deeply rooted in agriculture. Residents can be proud of the work farmers and producers do every day to honor that history and plan for the future,” Shell said. “By showcasing that love for our heritage in written words

and beautiful art, Kentucky students can show their appreciation for what Kentucky farmers have built in our communities. This year’s contest invites students to share how Kentucky’s farming past has played a vital role for Kentucky’s future.” Students in grades K-12 may submit a poster, an essay of 500 words or less, or a digital entry, which may be photos or original digital artwork. Each entry must include the actual written theme and be postmarked by Friday, March

20, 2026. Winners will be notified by Friday, April 17, 2026. Winners in the poster and essay competitions will be selected in each grade. One statewide winner will be selected for digital artwork. Each winner will receive a \$100 award from Kentucky Agriculture and Environment in the Classroom and will be recognized at the 2026 Poster and Essay Contest Awards Ceremony next year. Winning entries will be displayed in Shell’s Frankfort office and at

the 2026 Kentucky State Fair in August in Louisville. For more information, including complete contest rules and an entry form, go to kyagr.com/marketing/poster-essay-contest.html or contact Bethany Mattingly, director of KDA’s Agriculture Education and Outreach Division, at Bethany.Mattingly@ky.gov or (502) 782-4125.

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Heather Nicole Magan, Grace Pomposita Mahan, Summer Mulligan, Stephanie Mari Nall, Elizabeth Nicole Osborne Whitworth, Amber Poole, Destiny Shrewsberry, Jaclyn Breanne Smith, Robert Joseph Stancil, Jennifer Toomey**

Radiography- Audry Lynn Lanham, Emma Nicole Morris

Surgical Technology- Josie Elizabeth Aull, Graciela Marie Diaz, Margaret Lynette Foster, Courtney Head, Kaylee Marie Hibbs, Paige Hicks, Victoria Faith Keown, Tayler Brooke McDaniel, Piper Anastasia Pate

Tractor Trailer, CDLA I- David Andrew Ball, Zachary Brinkley, David Cecil, James Dennison, Devin Dowdy, Jakob Andrew Helms, Justin Ryan Jean, Shawn Lee, Adam C. Lykins, Jeffrey Martin, Matthew McCoy, Ahmad

Mujib Sadiqy, Charles E. Shelton, Lawson Stewart Welding Technology- Dylan Michael Ables, Jakob Barakat-McCollum, Shawn Barnett, Noah Matthew Benjamin, Dalton J. Burns, Austin Lee Burton, Mason A. Cantrell, Corbin Ray Carter, Tyler Joseph Cecil, Ethan Wallace Dych, James Clinton Ellis, Walker Ferguson, Caden Todd Foster, Andrew Gillaspie, Cole Russell Greer, Joshua Wade Harvilla, Dameron Higginson, Nathan

Gage Howard, Jaylen Johnson, Jesse Lee Johnson, Kaleb Dewayne Jones, Larry Lawson, Brennen Patrick Lee, Cameron Michael Martin, Beisy Liliana Matias Castillo, Austin Seth Millay, Brandon Dwayne Millay, Brooklyn Mozingo, Tristen Phoenix Muffett, Jo C. Nall, Joseph O’ Bryan, Devon Parm, Christopher Cale Pate, Elijah George Randolph, Shu Reh, Trey Malachi Schroader, Nolan Alexander Scott, Justin Wayne Sellers, Jessica Ann Shocklee, Hailee

Fayann Smallwood, Jason Lee Statts, Michael A. Taylor, Sway Tham, Alvaro Velazquez, Steven Jacob Wagner, Seth David Ward, Dewan Williams, Kaiser Witt,

Sean Tyler Yano



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The City of Leitchfield Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in regard to the following request along with their regular monthly meeting on Monday, 1/12/2026; 5:00 p.m. (CST) at Leitchfield City Hall, 515 South Main Street. The hearing will be for the following:

RZ-25-138
Owner: Pat Wilson Construction LLC
Applicant: Pat Wilson
Location: Approximately 650' SE from the HWY 62 and HWY 1214 Intersection
Request: Zone Change from R-1 (Single Family Low Density) to C-1 (Highway Commercial)

RZ-25-139
Owner: Lots LLC.
Applicant: Marty Higdon
Location: 109 Maple St.
Request: Zone Change from R-6 (Manufactured Home Park) to R-2A (Single Family High Density)

Questions or concerns should be directed to Tyler Harrell, Zoning Administrator, (270)-259-6363 at Leitchfield City Hall.

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Woosley said. The Cougars will compete in tournaments in January in Elizabethtown and Bowling Green. He said the middle school program has enjoyed a good

start to the season. “The middle school team, they’ve got it together,” Woosley said. “She (Shannon Garner) has got 30 kids. I’m really pleased with what they’re doing. They were first in a tournament.” Jeff D’Alessio can be reached at jdalessio@thenewsenterprisecomm.com.

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