

# Planting Pinwheels Of Hope



photos by Robert Moore



## Raising Awareness at the Judicial Center

On Wednesday, April 1, volunteers from local groups—including the Mercer County Public Library, the Mercer County Department for Community Based Services, Children and Family Counseling Associates Inc. and Character Quest, among others—planted pinwheel at the Mercer County Judicial Center on Main Street to raise awareness for Child Abuse Prevention. April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time to come together and take action for children and families across Kentucky. This year's theme is "Pinwheels of Possibility," which "celebrates the limitless potential of children and the power of prevention to create brighter futures."

**Above left:** Harper Miller plants pinwheels in front of the Mercer County Judicial Center.

**Above middle:** Volunteers Jamie Speake, Michael Elledge, Matthew Elledge, Donna Linton, Dana Bartleson and Brad Sanford.

**Above right:** Volunteers Gabby Campos, Caitlin Darby, Andrew Patton, Robert Louallen, Katie Vanover, Catherine Lawry, Shelby Brandenburg, Narisha Campbell and Jennifer King.



## Harrodsburg artist sells 'Kentucky Gold' at NYC show

A young artist from Harrodsburg is gaining recognition in the art world. Nash Pope, a Harrodsburg native and a sophomore at the Art Academy of Cincinnati, recently showcased his work in a student exhibition in New York City.

The exhibition, titled "16 Karat Gold," was held at Satellite Gallery and featured original 16-by-16-inch artworks from fewer than 40 students from the Art Academy of Cincinnati. Pope was the only student from Kentucky selected to attend the exhibition.

Among the talented group of artists, Pope achieved a notable milestone by becoming the only sophomore student to sell a piece of artwork during the show.

His piece, titled "Ken-

tucky Gold," explores the connection between the horse and the heritage of Kentucky. The artwork highlights strength, freedom, and the deep cultural bond between the land and the animals that define the Bluegrass region. Through bold color and strong lines, the horse represents the unbridled spirit and pride that Kentucky is known for.

The exhibition was part of a three-day experience connecting students with galleries, museums, and the broader contemporary art community in New York City. For Pope, the opportunity marks an exciting milestone as he continues developing his artistic career while representing his hometown of Harrodsburg on a national stage.



**Nash Pope, a sophomore at the Art Academy of Cincinnati and a native of Harrodsburg, Kentucky, stands beside his artwork "Kentucky Gold," which sold during the 16 Karat Gold student exhibition at Satellite Gallery in New York City.**

Photo Submitted

## Mother nature keeps us guessing

### Mackville Boosters

**Maria Wheeler & Barbara Best**  
Guest Columnist

Nature, what are you thinking? One day is over 70; the next is 40 - bitterly cold!

The Boosters will have another hot meal at noon on Wednesday. The cost is only \$6. We visit, share, and eat lunch. Hope to see you there!

The Washington County Public Library Bookmobile will visit the Mackville Community Center every other Wednesday at noon. Come see the Bookmobile!

The next drive-thru meal will be Saturday, April 18. The meals are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and younger.

Prayer list includes Perry White, Bobby Brady, Diane Wohner, Brenda Carrico, Justin Reynolds, Carolyn and Clifton Wheakley and Linda Anderson.

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## Political

No-excuse early in-person voting is Thursday, May 14, through Saturday, May 16.

The general election happens Tuesday, Nov. 3, with polls open 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Voters have until 4 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 5, to register or update their registration for the general election.

For both elections, Kentucky law generally requires voter registrations to be sub-

mitted at least 29 days before Election Day if registering by mail or online.

#### Absentee Voting General Election

- Online mail-in absentee requests are Sept. 19 – Oct. 20.
- Excused in-person absentee voting is Oct. 21–23 and Oct. 26–28.
- No-excuse early in-per-

son voting is Oct. 29–31.

The deadline to file for nonpartisan or independent candidates for the Nov. 3 general election is Tuesday, June 2, by 4 p.m.

The deadline for anyone who wants to declare as a write-in candidate is Monday, Aug. 24, by 4 p.m.

The offices of mayor and city commissioner are non-partisan offices.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

To all interested citizens of Mercer County, Kentucky.

The Kentucky Department for Local Government is accepting application material under the Recovery Housing Program (RHP). Isaiah House plans to apply for funding to assist individuals with paying rent for recovery housing.

Isaiah House will hold a public hearing prior to the submission of these materials. This hearing will be held on April 17th at 10:00 a.m. via Microsoft Teams. Members of the public can join the meeting at the following link:

Link: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/25612300969407?p=W3kth0viTeO8n1gxw>

Meeting ID: 256 123 009 694 07

Passcode: 79wG6pr9

The purpose of this hearing is to obtain views on recovery housing and community development needs, review proposed activities, review the proposed application, and solicit public comments. Technical assistance is available to help groups representing low and moderate income persons in developing proposals.

The following information concerning the Recovery Housing Program is available for public inspection at the Bluegrass Area Development District (699 Perimeter Drive, Lexington, KY 40517). Interested parties may also request a copy by emailing Logan Hart at [lhart@bgadd.org](mailto:lhart@bgadd.org).

- Amount of funds available and range of activities that may be undertaken.
- Estimated amount of funds proposed to be used for activities benefiting persons of low and moderate income.
- Plans for minimizing displacement of persons as a result of activities associated with RHP funds and plans for providing assistance to those persons to be actually displaced as a result of RHP-funded activities.
- Records regarding the past use of RHP funds.
- A summary of other important program requirements.

Pre-application materials will be available for review during regular business hours from 4/17/2026 to 4/30/2026.

The Isaiah House Treatment Center does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, or disability, and provides, upon request, reasonable accommodation, including auxiliary aids and services, to afford an individual with a disability an equal opportunity to participate in all services, programs, and activities. Any persons requiring special needs assistance should contact Sara Wells at [sara.wells@isaiah-house.org](mailto:sara.wells@isaiah-house.org), at least five days prior to the meeting. The TDD number for the hearing impaired is 1/800-648-6057 (or local number if available).

NOTE: ADA Contacts		
Department for the Blind	1/877/KYBLIND	<a href="http://www.kyblind.state.ky.us">www.kyblind.state.ky.us</a>
American Printing House	1/800/223-1839	<a href="http://www.aph.org">www.aph.org</a>
Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing for Interpreter Directory	1/800/372-2907	<a href="http://www.kcdhh.org">www.kcdhh.org</a>
State Relay TDD Number	1/800/648-6057	<a href="http://www.hcdhh.org/access/interpdtr.html">www.hcdhh.org/access/interpdtr.html</a>

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following births are recorded at Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center in Danville:

- Feb. 27, a son, Stratton Dean Brown, born to Marissa and Joshua Brown of Stanford. March 1, 2026 a male, Rowan Lee Walker born to Rachel and Patrick Walker of Junction City;
- March 3, a son, Beckham Merek Dean, born to Morgan and Derek Dean of Liberty;
- March 4, a son, Lawson Thomas Retallick, born to Tiffany and Justin Retallick of Perryville;
- March 4, a daughter, Kynlian Grace Duncan, born to Tara Duncan of Liberty;
- March 9, a son, Icarus Mickael Click, born to Audree Worley and Braydon Click of Harrodsburg;

- March 7, a son, Galen Mark Wickey, born to Melinda and Andrew Wickey of Waynesburg;
- March 10, a son, Jaxon Dean Wallin, born to Josslyn Ritchey and Dallas Wallin of Bardstown;
- March 11, a son, Syllas Ray Williams, born to Emily Eckman and Steve Williams of Somerset;
- March 11, a son, Ezekiel Alan Rogers, born to Haley Holsing and Casey Rogers of Harrodsburg;
- March 12, a daughter, Arabella Faye Sadler born to Brez Sadler and John C. Sadler of Harrodsburg;
- March 13, a son, Hayes Everette Mann, born to Brittney and Robert Mann of Lancaster;
- March 12, a son, Finnegan Garrett Bustin, born to Samantha Hussey

- and Bryce Bustin of Liberty;
- March 16, a son, Amari Vante Smith Walker, born to Kandace McGuinn and Alex Walker of Harrodsburg;
- March 18, a son, Brooks Leigh Armstrong, born to Danielle and Seth Armstrong of Danville;
- March 20, a daughter, Evelyn Clarice Goff, born to Kyndra and Jeremiah Goff of Harrodsburg;
- March 21, a son, Milan Amarus Cortez Ortega, born to Karla Ortega De Cortez and Bismarck Enrique Cortez Castro of Lebanon;
- March 24, a daughter, Bellamy Blake Emerson, born to Laura and Thomas Emerson of Liberty;
- March 24, a son, Gunner William Bastin, born to Carrie Hambel and Jonathan Bastin of Hustonville.