

Med Center Health Rural Hospitals Nationally Recognized

FOR THEIR ROLE IN PROVIDING QUALITY CARE FOR SEVERE HEART ATTACKS

The Medical Center at Albany, The Medical Center at Caverna, The Medical Center at Franklin, and The Medical Center at Scottsville have received the American Heart Association’s Mission: Lifeline® Regional Recognition award for their regional collaboration regarding the care for those experiencing the most severe heart attacks. The Mission: Lifeline Regional achievement award is earned by hospitals that demonstrate an exceptional commitment to collaborating with their referring and receiving hospital partners, as well as EMS agencies, to establish a system of evidence-based care guided by the American Heart Association’s latest clinical standards.

Acute coronary syndrome remains a major cause of hospitalization in the United States. According to the American Heart Association’s 2026 Heart Disease and Stroke Statistics Report, STElevation myocardial infarction (STEMI) accounts for approximately 30% of ACS presentations. STEMI is typically caused by acute, complete occlusion of a coronary artery. Rapid restoration of blood flow through mechanical means and/or clot-dissolving medication is essential to prevent death and permanent heart damage.

“Being recognized by the American Heart Association as part of a Mission: Lifeline® System of Care reflects Med Center Health’s commitment to ensuring patients experiencing a severe heart attack receive the best care possible through strong collaboration with our regional partners,” said Eric Hagan, Vice President, Rural Hospitals, Med Center Health. “For our communities, this recognition means they can have confidence that their local hospital is connected to a coordinated network dedicated to delivering the highest standard of emergency cardiac care when every second matters. Achieving honors like this is especially meaningful for rural hospitals because it demonstrates that geography does not have to limit access to lifesaving care. I am incredibly grateful to our physicians, nurses, laboratory and other healthcare team members, as well as our local EMS and regional hospital partners, whose dedication, teamwork and commitment make it possible for us to provide the very best care for the patients and communities we are privileged to serve.”

Mission: Lifeline is the American Heart



Association’s national initiative to enhance the system of care for patients with high-risk, time-sensitive medical conditions, including severe heart attacks. The program helps reduce barriers to prompt heart attack interventions – from the initial 911 call and EMS transport through hospital treatment and discharge.

Med Center Health is a not-for-profit integrated healthcare system serving the Southcentral Kentucky region. The health system includes hospitals in Bowling Green, Albany, Caverna (Horse Cave), Franklin, Russellville and Scottsville. Combined, the hospitals comprise 548 acute care beds, 110 extended care beds and 600+ on-staff physicians and advanced practice providers in more than 50 specialties. Med Center Health has more than 4,500 employees and over 200 employed providers. Annually, Med Center Health provides over \$185 million in community benefit. Learn more at MedCenterHealth.org.

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Schools (HCHS). Additionally, they propose establishing a position for a certified specialist to serve communities and residents.

In addition, this grant also makes possible a series of additional activities and events that are open to all at no cost. Join leading experts and fellow community members at the following events:

•Two community meetings: Monday, August 24, 4:30 until 5:30 P.M. CDT for the Horse Cave community; 6:00 until 7:00 P.M.CDT for the Munfordville Community. Both meetings will be held in the Community Room at the Hart County Public Library, 500 East Union Street, Munfordville, Ky., 42765. Both these meetings will feature our design team, Mark Arnold, Senior Landscape Architect for H.K.Bell Engineering, and his intern, Kaleb Trent, also a Landscape Architect; Certified Arborist Chadwick Singer; Master Gardner, Gary Puckett; and grant manager Mary Margaret Villines, all there to answer questions about this Urban and Community Forestry Grant. This project will impact each community in positive ways. Community meetings provide an opportunity to ask questions and comment

directly to the people who are designing and implementing this project.

•Thursday, September 24, 5:30 until 6:30, CDT at the Hart County Public Library. To celebrate the beginning of Forestry’s actual tree planting, James Bauch, Forester for Hart County, will lead a conversation and respond to community members’ tree-related questions. Topics will include the advantages of native trees, options for eliminating invasive plants, and additional issues from participants.

•Beginning October 10 and continuing every second Saturday a month at 10:00 – 11:00 AM central time, at the Hart County Library’s Community Room, Master Gardener Gary Puckett will teach horticulture classes designed to help community members with their personal gardening issues and demonstrate helpful techniques. This year’s additional meetings will be November 14, and December 12.

All community members are invited to join in this celebration of an Urban and Community Forestry project that will benefit both Horse Cave and MunfordvilFor more information about the Kentucky Division of Forestry, visit eec.ky.gov/Natural-Resources/Forestry/



Community CALENDAR

Horse Cave Christian Church Clothes Closet and Food Pantry

The Horse Cave Christian Church, 105 Guthrie Street, behind German American Bank, will have a free food and clothes pantry for anyone in need on Friday, August 28, 9:00 am to 10:30 am. Adult Bible Study 10:00 am and Sunday services begin at 11:00 am.

HCHS Class of 1976 Class Reunion

HCHS Class of 1976 50th Class Reunion, Saturday, September 26, 5:00 pm. Enter cafeteria on Lonoke side, signs will be posted. Cost \$30.00 per person, includes meal and rental. There is also a home football game Friday night. We will have get together before the game. More details to follow. Mail your reservations to: Jane Ann Tharp, PO Box 382, Munfordville, KY 42765. Due before September 11. Please complete the following information: name including maiden name: spouse or how many will attend. Contact information: name, address, cell #, and email For more information contact: Jane Ann McCubbins Tharp 270-528-1657; Susan Cottrell Mouser 270-528-1233; Angie Pannell 270-528-7772 or Kim Smith Davis 270-991-0427. We will also meet Friday night at 6:00 pm for the home football game.

08/20/26 Super Crossword

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NOTICE

The Caverna Independent Board of Education will hold a public hearing at the Caverna Central Office, located at 1106 N Dixie HWY, Cave City, KY 42127 on September 10th, at 4:00 central time to hear public comments regarding a proposed general fund tax levy of 74 cents on real property and 74 cents on personal property.

The General Fund tax levied in fiscal year 2026 was 72.5 on real property and 78.7 on personal property and produced revenue of \$3,678,993.88. The proposed General Fund tax rate of 74 cents on real property and 74 cents on personal property is expected to produce \$3,878,260.76. Of this amount, \$753,526.85 is from new and personal property. The compensating tax for 2027 is 71.2 cents on real property and 71.2 cents on personal property and is expected to produce \$3,732,286.69.

The proposed rate is expected to generate more revenue than received in the preceding year. The general areas to which revenue of \$199266.88 above 2026 revenue is to be allocated are as follows: Cost of Collections, \$4981.67; instruction \$154285.21; transportation \$30,000; and maintenance of plant, \$10,000.

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The General Assembly has required publication of this advertisement and information contained herein.

AUCTION

Saturday, August 22nd • 10:00 AM CT

LOCATION: 10000 Block, Hardyville Rd., Hardyville KY (Signs posted)

PLEASE NOTE: Auction will be held **OFF SITE** at the Hardyville Community Center, 52. N Jackson Hwy, Hardyville, KY

Offering 48.18 +/- acres by a new survey.
 Excellent farming and investment opportunity.
 Property offers several nice building sites. Farm has previously been in Cattle, Hay, and Tobacco production.

Plats are available onsite, The Durrett Realty website, Exit Realty Bluegrass, and on Facebook.

To view the farm, contact either Real Estate company.

TERMS: 10% Down on sale day. Balance due on or before 45 days from sale date.

POSSESSION: At closing. NOTE: There will be a 10% Buyers premium added to determine a final sale price. All property is being offered AS-IS with no warranties or guarantees expressed or implied from either real-estate company or the sellers.



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