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SPORTS

MC Volleyball -
BUILDING PRIDE
Around the Program



▲ PHOTO | JOHNNY TARTER
Mollie Devore up for the spike.

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JOBENEWS SPORTS

The Lady Hornet Volleyball team has played 7 games thus far and is off to an impressive 5-2 start under Head Coach Ethan Birdwell.

Last year Metcalfe finished the season with a loss in the District Final in a 5 set thriller. The Lady Hornets finished the 2025 season 21-12. This year there are new goals and a new outlook.

The Lady Hornets just came off a big win over Glasgow and are hoping to carry that momentum into next week. Coach Birdwell had this to say about his team. “We are 5-2 on the season with one district match under our belt.

We’ve seen tough competition from every opponent. Our two losses came from great teams from Campbellsville and Russell County (District). Both matches came down to the wire in the 3rd and 5th sets respectively.

We’ve noted and worked on improvements that will counter the blind spots that came to light during those matches. We’ll get to see both teams again later in the season. By the end of this week, we will have played 10

matches in two weeks. With this volume of play, in addition to school starting, I am immensely proud of how the team has done so far.

All 7 seniors as well as a group of Freshmen and Sophomores have stepped up to fill any needed roles so the machine still runs smoothly.”

In previous years, Metcalfe seemed to have been looked at as an “easy win,” but the amount of time, effort, and work that these players have put in has rightfully earned them a seat at the table in the top portion of the District and Region. Coach Birdwell added, “I’m glad they’re getting to experience that, and I love seeing the pride being built around the program.”

As for the Lady Hornet personnel, some players are reaching some impressive program milestones.

“Recently, Senior Setter Ellie Landrum recorded her 1,000 assists, which is an impressive feat since we run an offense with two setters that are splitting responsibility”, Birdwell noted. “Senior Setter, Harper Hurt, is also on the cusp of her 1,000 assist which we expect her to achieve this season. Libero, Amelia Slinker, continues to pad her

dig stat by recording an average of 17 digs per match. She reached the milestone of 1,000 digs last year as a Junior.” Coach Birdwell added, “outside hitters, Lily Horton and Mollie Devore, are contributing an average of over 30 combined kills per match which really speaks to their out of season time investment in honing their craft.”

As for the seniors, Coach Birdwell is very proud of the progress they have made.

“Senior middles, Abby Shirley and Alivia Acree, are currently tied on the team in total blocks and are helping us keep opponent offenses honest by their tough net play.”

The Lady Hornets are back in action with 2 home matches in a row (8/29 vs Butler County (tri-match) and 8/29 vs Franklin Simpson (tri-match).

If Metcalfe can stay healthy and continue to grow, this year’s post season could have a different outcome.

Editor’s Note: The Lady Hornets picked up two more varsity wins on Saturday, August 29th, in a tri-match against Butler County (2-0) and Franklin-Simpson (2-0).



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The Lady Hornets huddle between points.

Over 211,000 in Kentucky’s Heartland
Face Food Insecurity, New Data Shows

Study provides insights on food insecurity among Metcalfe County residents

Feeding America

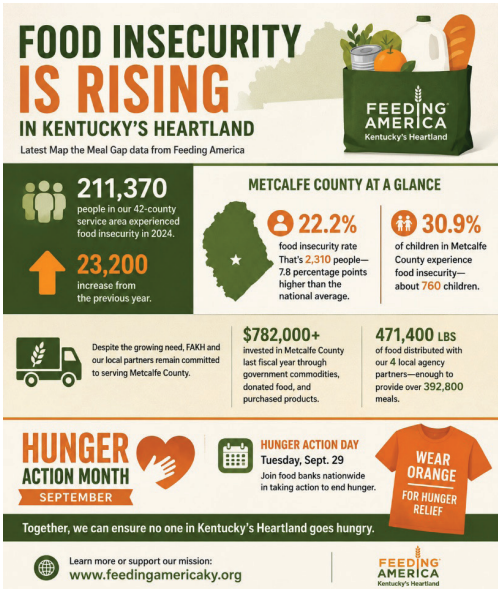
The latest Map the Meal Gap data from Feeding America shows a troubling increase in food insecurity across Kentucky’s Heartland. In 2024, an estimated 211,370 individuals within Feeding America, Kentucky’s Heartland’s (FAKH) 42-county service area experienced food insecurity: an increase of 23,200 people compared to the previous year.

The United States Department of Agriculture defines food insecurity as a lack of consistent access to enough nutritious food to support an active, healthy life. More than a statistic, food insecurity represents a significant public health challenge with far-reaching social, economic and medical consequences for individuals, families and communities.

“The continued increase in food insecurity highlights the critical role that FAKH and our network of agency partners play in communities across Kentucky’s Heartland,” said Charles Dennis, Executive Director of FAKH. “With the support of our partners and supporters, we are committed to providing hope, resources and nourishment to our neighbors in need.”

The data for Metcalfe County paints a sobering picture. The county’s food insecurity rate stands at 22.2 percent, meaning roughly one in five residents — or 2,310 people — lack consistent access to enough food. That rate is 7.8 percentage points higher than the national average. Even more concerning, 30.9 percent of children in Metcalfe County — approximately one in three, or 760 children — experience food insecurity.

Despite the growing need, FAKH and its agency partners remain committed to serving Metcalfe County. During the last fiscal



year, FAKH invested over \$782,00 in the county through government commodities, donated food, and purchased products. Working alongside four local agency partners, FAKH distributed nearly 471,400 pounds of food: enough to provide over 392,800 meals to children, families, and seniors facing hunger.

The need for FAKH’s services is reflected in the stories of individuals like Rose Rogers, a hardworking Logan County resident whose life changed after becoming disabled.

Through food distribution efforts supported by FAKH in Logan County through Logan County Good Samaritan, Rogers said the organization has become a vital lifeline, providing not only access to nutritious food but also hope and support during a difficult season.

“I used to make over a thousand dollars a week, and now I only clear \$1,800 a month,” she said. “I don’t qualify for SNAP, so this pantry helps me get the things I need.”

This September, FAKH will join Feeding America and food banks across the country in recognizing Hunger Action Month: a nationwide campaign dedicated to raising awareness and inspiring action in the fight against hunger.

On Tuesday, Sept. 29, food banks nationwide will come together for Hunger Action Day, encouraging communities to stand united in support of hunger relief efforts.

FAKH invites individuals, businesses and organizations to participate by wearing orange, the official color of hunger relief, as a visible reminder of the continued need and the collective effort required to address food insecurity.

To learn more about FAKH and support its mission to ensure no one in Kentucky’s Heartland goes hungry, visit www.feedingamericaky.org.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
METCALFE CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 19-CI-00156
COMMISSIONER'S SALE ON
SEPTEMBER 24, 2026, AT 12:00 NOON

MID-SOUTH CAPITAL PARTNERS, LP
PLAINTIFF
VS.
CHRISTOPHER HOLDER, et al.
RESPONDENTS

By Virtue of Judgment in the Case Set Forth: I shall sell to the highest and best bidder at the time and place above, the following real estate and improvements thereon in Metcalfe County, located at **423 West Stockton Street, Edmonton, Metcalfe, Kentucky, PVA Map ID #104-00-01-001-00. (Known as the Jr. Foods Building).**

Christopher Holder and Tammy Jo Holder derived title by Special Warranty Deed dated November 15, 2016, and recorded in Deed Book 158, Page 61, in the Office of the Metcalfe County Court Clerk.

To be sold on SEPTEMBER 24, 2026, at 12:00 noon at the Metcalfe County Judicial Center. This property is being sold pursuant to a foreclosure action.

MID-SOUTH CAPITAL PARTNERS, LP was granted an In Rem Judgment against Respondents in the amount of \$7,651.09. From the proceeds and bond interest, the Master Commissioner will pay the costs and fees of the sale plus the payment of the Ad Valorem Tax Bills, including those parties' costs and attorney's fees, and any remaining funds will be held until further orders of the Circuit Judge.

The subject property cannot be divided without materially impairing its value and will be sold in its entirety.

ALL PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO ANY/ALL EXISTING R/WS AND EASEMENTS. ANY SALE MAY BE CANCELLED WITHOUT NOTICE. THE COURT, COMMISSIONER AND PARTIES TO THE PROCEEDINGS ARE NOT LEGALLY BOUND BY THE ADVERTISEMENT AND THE CONTENTS OF THE COURT JUDGMENT AND ORDER OF SALE CONTROL. UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE, WE ARE UNABLE TO SHOW THE INTERIOR OR EXTERIOR OF ANY PROPERTY. THE PLAINTIFF, THE MASTER COMMISSIONER AND THE COURT SHALL NOT BE DEEMED TO HAVE WARRANTED TITLE OF THE REAL ESTATE TO THE PURCHASER.

For the purchase price, purchaser may pay cash, or may pay 10% of the purchase price in cash, with the balance of the purchase price secured by a purchase money bond due in thirty (30) days, with good and approved surety on the bond, and bearing interest at the rate of 6% per annum from date of sale until paid, said bond to have the same force and effect as a judgment and remain a prior and superior lien on the property until fully paid.

This sale is without warranty of any kind. Purchaser is responsible for the purchase of insurance for the protection of the property post sale and is responsible for paying the 2026 and all following years' ad valorem tax bills. The purchaser is buying property subject to all restrictions, covenants, and easements of record in the office of the Metcalfe County Clerk. Upon payment and delivery of Deed, the purchaser shall be entitled to all rights of ownership of the property. The property will be sold free and clear of all rights, liens, interests and claims of all parties hereto.

The property shall be sold with the improvements thereon, "as is." Bidders shall be prepared to promptly comply with the terms of the sale.

Inquire of the Master Commissioner.

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