

The City of Hodgenville is accepting bids to demolish the house at 113 N. Greensburg Street. All debris must be disposed of in a certified landfill per State and LaRue County solid waste codes. Concrete basement walls may be buried on site. No other materials may be buried. Lot must be filled with dirt. Lot must be graded and sown with grass. All work must be coordinated with the City Public Works Supervisor. Successful bidder must have proof of liability and workman's comp insurance. Sealed bids must be submitted to City Hall at 794 Old E'town Rd. by noon on March 31st. The City reserves the right to accept the lowest and or best bid. The City also reserves the right to refuse any or all bids.

Public Notice
Notice is hereby given that William and Katie Brown, 1377 Ferrill Hill Road, Buffalo, KY 42716, has filed an application with the Energy and Environment Cabinet to install a low water crossing of South Fork Branch. The property is located from Hodgenville, KY take KY-210 E and travel 4.3 miles. Turn right onto KY-470 and go 1.5 miles. Turn left onto Ferrill Hill Road for approximately 1.4 miles. The project is located at a crossing of South Fork Branch. Any comments or objections can be submitted via email to: DOWFloodplain@ky.gov Kentucky Division of Water, Floodplain Management Section, 300 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, KY 40601. Call 502-564-3410 with questions.

NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF SEALED BIDS
LaRue Fiscal Court is now accepting sealed bids for various materials and supplies used by LaRue Fiscal Court and the LaRue County Road Dept. Materials and supplies include but are not limited to gasoline and diesel fuel (to be purchased on a per gallon basis with bid to be cents over rack price), hydraulic, transmission and motor oil (by quart, gallon and barrel), grease (by tube), various asphalt road oils (per gallon price with picked up and delivered price bid), road tile (per item based on size), hot mix asphalt (per ton bid picked up, and laid in place), rubberized asphalt (per ton bid picked up, and laid in place), cold mix asphalt (per ton bid for both picked up and delivered), asphalt sealcoating (by square foot), overband crack-filling (by pound), asphalt parking lot striping (by linear foot), county road centerline striping (by linear foot), tires (by tire, various sizes both mounted/balanced and not mounted/balanced), aggregate (various sizes both picked up and delivered bid), road salt (per ton delivered), Class I sand (per ton delivered), emergency generator maintenance (each service and by the hour), NCIC service technician (by the hour), plumbing (by the hour), disaster grants management services, and HVAC repair and preventative maintenance services (by the hour).
Bids shall be for Fiscal Year 2027 (July 1, 2026– June 30, 2027). Bid specifications and bid forms can be obtained from LaRue Fiscal Court, LaRue County Courthouse, 209 West High Street, Suite 4, Hodgenville, KY 42748 or by calling 270-766-9857.
Sealed bids clearly marked as such will be accepted until 3:30 pm ET, March 27, 2026 and opened publicly thereafter. Bids will be tabulated and presented to Fiscal Court for award at the April 14, 2026 meeting of the Court. LaRue Fiscal Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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Avoiding check fraud

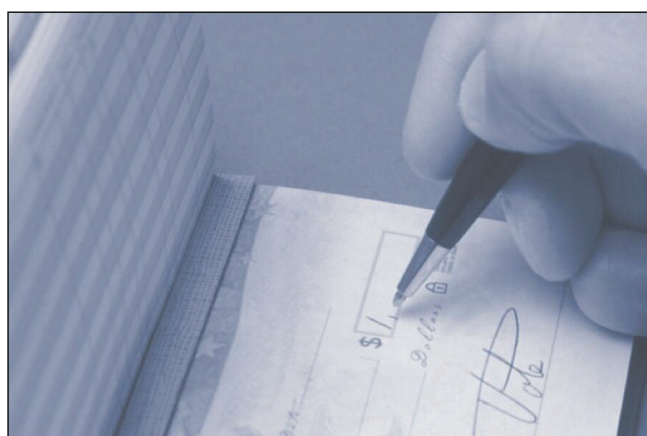
BY VICTORIA COX
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With 2.6 million reports submitted to the Federal Trade Commission, U.S.

consumers report losing more than \$12.5 billion to fraud in 2024. Scam tactics range from investments to imposters to online shopping issues, and everything in between. In an effort to protect local residents, businesses and organizations from these scams, Bryce Shumate, Magnolia Bank Security Officer and Hodgenville Police Officer, offered an overview of the situation.

According to Shumate, LaRue County has also seen an increase in fraud, especially with checks; the LaRue County Fiscal Court was recently a victim of this, reporting in its March 10 meeting that a check the county had put in the mail had been stolen, altered and cashed.

Check fraud is largely carried out with check washing — when criminals steal checks and use chemicals to “wash” out the original payee or amount information. This allows the individuals to then rewrite the check to themselves and deposit the money into their own account. They may also steal the routing and bank account information on a check to print



their own checks.

To do the above, fraudsters are targeting paper checks sent through the mail. To prevent becoming a victim to this, Shumate said to never put checks in a mailbox. Instead, physically take the check to the local post office. Other ways to protect checks includes use pens with indelible black ink, which is more difficult to “wash” out; not leaving blank spaces in the payee or amount lines; and not writing personal details, such as a social security number.

An invaluable tool to avoiding fraud is the utilization of online banking. Available through the majority of banking organizations today, online banking allows customers to monitor the activity on their account. This can range from viewing copies of checks to ensure they're

not altered to reviewing bank activity and statements for errors. Making payments digitally when available will also reduce the number of written checks that can be stolen.

As stated previously, check fraud has increased throughout the local area. Unfortunately, this knowledge does not aid law enforcement in capturing those responsible. According to Shumate, criminals who specialize in check fraud avoid apprehension by utilizing “money mules.”

“[The criminals] go to downtown Louisville, find somebody that's at a homeless shelter and hire them, give them a small percentage of what they're going to get, and they have them go in [to banks],” he said. “If they're homeless already and they get arrested and go to jail, they get three hots and a cot

and they're tickled to death — they don't have anything to lose.”

In addition to not committing the act themselves, criminals also avoid detection by parking out of sight from cameras.

“We're arresting several of the money mules and they've been charged with felony offenses,” he said. “That's not the person we want. The person we want is the one that's hiring them to do this in the first place.”

To help law enforcement do so, the public is asked to be vigilant. If someone suspects check fraud is occurring, observe when and how they leave, if possible.

“I'm not telling you to do that where your employee or yourself are endangered by watching, but if you can give the police department a direction of travel and be able to see what vehicle they get in, we can get this person that is bringing the money mules down here,” Shumate said.

For questions or more information about check fraud, contact your bank or the Hodgenville Police Department at 270-491-5357.

30 colleges expected at ECTC Transfer Fair

PAXTON MEDIA GROUP University, Bellevue University, Campbellsville University, Centre College, Chamberlain University, Eastern Kentucky University, Franklin University, Grand Canyon University, Indiana University Southeast, Indiana Wesleyan University, Kentucky State University, Kentucky Wesleyan College, Lindsey Wilson University, Midway University, Morehead State University, Murray State University, Northern Kentucky University, Ohio University, Southern New Hampshire University, Troy University, University of Cincinnati, University of Kentucky, University of Louisville, University of Southern Indiana, University of the Cumberlands, Walden University and Western Kentucky University.

Elizabethtown Community and Technical College will host its Spring 2026 Transfer Fair on March 31 in the James S. Owen Building.

“Many students come to ECTC to start their pathway to a bachelor's degree and a great career, and our goal is to ensure they make a successful transition to a four-year college or university,” said Sandra Kimberlain, director of the Robbins University Center at the two-year school. “With about 30 universities planning to attend, this will be our largest transfer fair yet, and it's a great place for students to explore their options and start taking their next steps.”

The fair, which runs from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., will be open to current ECTC students and their families as well as ECTC alumni.

Colleges and universities attending the fair, arranged alphabetically, are American Public University, Asbury University, Bellarmine

University, Bellevue University, Campbellsville University, Centre College, Chamberlain University, Eastern Kentucky University, Franklin University, Grand Canyon University, Indiana University Southeast, Indiana Wesleyan University, Kentucky State University, Kentucky Wesleyan College, Lindsey Wilson University, Midway University, Morehead State University, Murray State University, Northern Kentucky University, Ohio University, Southern New Hampshire University, Troy University, University of Cincinnati, University of Kentucky, University of Louisville, University of Southern Indiana, University of the Cumberlands, Walden University and Western Kentucky University.

To learn more about transferring from ECTC to complete a bachelor's degree, go to ectc.us/transfer.

Permit now required at certain shooting ranges

BY PAXTON MEDIA NEWS GROUP

Kentucky residents and visitors must now obtain a permit to use shooting ranges on lands managed, leased or affiliated with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

The requirement took effect this month after an amendment to a state administrative regulation governing shooting ranges on wildlife management areas and other department lands completed the legislative approval process, according to a news release from the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

The rule requires an annual or one-day shooting range permit for people using firearms or archery equipment at department-managed, leased or affiliated ranges. Officials said the permit system is intended to help the agency track range use, promote safe practices and support maintenance and improvements.

The amendment to 301 KAR 3:015 — Shooting ranges on department owned or managed lands — was approved by the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission last year.

“By establishing a shooting range permit, we're striving to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all range visitors,” Kevin Kelly, director of the department's Information, Education and Marketing Division, said in the release. “The permit will also help us understand how many people use these existing ranges, and support

upkeep, upgrades and aid in the development of new ranges across the state.”

The permit is free for Kentucky residents and nonresidents ages 16 and older who hold an annual Kentucky hunting or fishing license, according to the release. Eligible license holders must select the permit in their license profile because it is not automatically included.

For people who do not have an annual hunting or fishing license, the permit costs \$26.43 for the license year or \$5.29 for a one-day permit, the release said. Youth 15 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

Participants in department-administered or affiliated events held on department-managed, leased or affiliated shooting ranges are exempt from the permit requirement, as are participants in authorized group or club events at those ranges, according to the release. Clubs must provide the department with a list of participants.

State regulation defines a shooting range as a public facility designated for shooting firearms or archery equipment on lands owned or managed by the department through ownership, lease, license or cooperative agreement, or on facilities operated by affiliated partners.

Ranges on the following Kentucky Fish and Wildlife properties require the permit:

- CURTIS GATES LLOYD WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**
 - Tube rifle range
 - Archery range
 - Club-operated skeet, trap

and multipurpose ranges

- HIGGINSON-HENRY WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**
 - Tube rifle range

- JOHN A. KLEBER WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**
 - Tube rifle range
 - Pistol pit

- KENTUCKY FISH AND WILDLIFE HEADQUARTERS**
 - Archery range

- MILLER WELCH-CENTRAL KENTUCKY WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**
 - Tube rifle range
 - Archery range
 - Club-operated trap and skeet range

- TAYLORSVILLE LAKE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**
 - Tube rifle range
 - Archery range

- VETERANS MEMORIAL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**
 - Pistol range
 - Rifle range

- WEST KENTUCKY WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**
 - Archery range
 - Club-operated skeet range

Proposed amendments awaiting legislative approval would exempt Otter Creek Special Activities Permit and Pass holders and Peabody Wildlife Management Area User Permit holders from the new requirement because those properties already charge access fees, according to the release.

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