

# MCHS Senior Beta Club have strong showing



LOUISVILLE—The Muhlenberg County High School Senior Beta Club once again earned awards at the Kentucky Senior State Beta Convention and qualified students in 22 areas for national competition in June at the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center. The club's performance continues its tradition of excellence in academics, leadership, and service and sets the stage for another strong showing at

Outgoing state secretary Lilly Chaney was recognized for her leadership, while sponsors Amara Stroud, Michelle Armour, Missy Thompson, Margi Hall, and Garris Stroud praised the students for embodying Beta's core values. State secretary Wilson Walker also represented the club in leadership roles. Individual honors included a third-place finish in agriscience by Katherine Kidd, second

place in health and physical education by Maddie Lee, and first-place finishes in language arts and psychology by Autumn Dixon and Gracie McPherson. Jewelry, hand-drawn anime, and sculpture categories also brought top placements from Lilly Chaney, Klara Anderson, and Preston Moody. Team events advanced as well, with top-10 national qualifications in musicology featuring Ryleigh Hill, Preston

Moody, Zoe Zoellick, and Sophia Long. The Solo, Duo, Trio Performing Arts act with Preston Moody, Laila Founder, and MaKayla Lee also qualified for nationals. Additional projects advancing included Project Lead the Way and leadership conference submissions. Sponsors and school officials expressed pride in the students' accomplishments and representation of the club's values on the state stage.



Freshman Braxton Penrod

## Across America

By: Scott Cronin, Agriculture Education Teacher Muhlenberg County High School, Murray State University Associate Professor Racer Academy, IHEA & ATA Instructor

Across America, there is a renewed call to return to the basics to hard work, practical knowledge, and the kind of hands on skills that built this nation from the ground up. Inside the Agriscience classroom at MCHS, that call is being answered every single day.

Students there are not simply learning how to farm. They are learning how to build. How to measure twice and cut once. How to handle tools with confidence. How to select the right materials for the job and see a project through from blueprint to completion. Measuring, cutting, drilling, planning, and problem solving. These are not just assignments in a curriculum. They are lessons in responsibility, discipline, and self reliance.

Agriculture has always been at the heart of the American story. From family farms to advanced agricultural technology, it is an industry that demands resilience, innovation, and grit. In the Career and Technical Education department at MCHS, students experience that spirit firsthand. They work with their hands. They think critically. They learn that success does not come from shortcuts but from preparation and persistence.

But the impact goes far beyond the field.

Not every student who steps into an Agriscience class will pursue a career in agriculture. That is not the point. The true harvest is something even

greater. These studies are working on employability, self sufficiency, and building confidence. The ability to walk into any workplace and understand how to solve problems, manage time, work as a team, and take pride in a job well done.

These are the skills employers across America are searching for. The ability to read a tape measure accurately. To operate equipment safely. To adapt when plans change. To think through challenges instead of backing away from them. In an era that often emphasizes convenience, these students are embracing competence.

There is dignity in knowing how to build something with your own two hands. There is pride in understanding how systems work, how materials fit together, how effort translates into results. These are lessons that echo far beyond the classroom walls. They shape character. They build leaders.

Tomorrow's leaders of America will not be defined solely by titles or corner offices. They will be defined by their work ethic, their reliability, and their willingness to do what needs to be done. In classrooms like Agriscience at MCHS, students are developing those traits now. They are learning that employability is not handed out, it is earned through skill, discipline, and determination.

This is the American spirit in action. Practical education. Purposeful work. Young men and women choosing to prepare themselves not just for a job, but for a lifetime of contribution.

In returning to the basics, these students are moving the country forward.



Join us in thanking Longest Elementary School, Mrs. Eaves & Mrs. Haley for sharing these 17 young animal lovers with us! They arrived at our door with radiant smiles & and a huge load of donations. The level of respect and kindness these students offered our shelter residents & team reached far beyond their calendar years. One of our favorite questions from earlier: "Does this one have a story?" They do, & are deeply grateful to you for listening. Although Mikey, Arlo, Shadow, Sable, Bruno, Larry, Miney & Bagel could best describe the joy of our Friday. (Photo and information courtesy of Longest Elementary Facebook)

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## Meetings

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE. [For Year 2026]

The Muhlenberg County Board of Elections meets regularly at 8:15 AM on the first Tuesday of each month in the Fiscal Courtroom on the 2nd floor of the Muhlenberg County Courthouse located at 100 S Main Street, Greenville. Changes to meeting date, time or location are posted on the Fiscal Courtroom door and elevator of the Muhlenberg County Courthouse in advance of any cancellation/rest.

- **CELEBRATE RECOVERY** meets every Sunday at 4 p.m. at Second Baptist Church, 217 West Depot Street in Greenville. The meal is at 4 p.m., large group worship at 5 p.m. and small group sharing time at 6:30 p.m. Nursery provided.
- **AL-ANON** (Clean Slate) is a support group for family and friends of those who have been impacted by alcoholism. The group meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at Greenville United Methodist Church Coffee Shop, 144 Main Street.
- **Break the Cycle RECOVERY MEETING** directed by TrueNorth Treatment Center is held every Thursday evening at 7 p.m. at Righteous Souls Ministry, 701 Temple Road in Central City.
- **The GREENVILLE TOURISM COMMISSION MEETING** will be held on the second Monday of each month at 4:30 p.m. at 125 S Main Street in Greenville.
- **The MUHLENBERG COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING** will be held on the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at the district office, 340 Dean Road in Greenville.
- **The MUHLENBERG COUNTY WATER DISTRICT BOARD MEETING** will be held on the fourth Monday of each month at 1 p.m.
- **MUHLENBERG COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES BOARD MEETING** will be held on the third Thursday of the month from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Harbin Memorial Public Library 117 S. Main Street in Greenville.
- **The WARM HEART QUILTERS** will meet on the fourth Tuesday each month January through October at 9 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 158 S. Main St. in Greenville.
- **2026 MUHLENBERG COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION Meeting Dates:** March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17, October 15, November 19, December 17, all meetings will be held at 5:30 p.m. **Work Session Dates:** April 7, July 9, October 1, all meetings will be held at 5:30 p.m.
- **THE MUHLENBERG COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION** will meet Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at Second Baptist Church, Greenville, Kentucky. Gary Adkins from AARP, will be the guest speaker concerning Frauds and Scams Prevention. All retired teachers are welcome to attend!

## Happenings

• **28th ANNUAL BUTLER CO. FFA FARM TOY & ANTIQUE TRACTOR SHOW** will be Saturday, March 14, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Butler County High School. For more details on attending, including becoming a vendor or displaying a farm scene, or the antique tractor show, please contact: Madilyn Dowell (270) 526-2204, (270) 893-1374 or Ryan Pendley (270) 999-0767.

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Is your church having a special service on Easter Sunday; Sunrise Service, Cantata, Play...give us your info and we will publish it in the Leader-News Easter Eggstravaganza Pages that will be published on March 24, 2026.

Information is also needed on Egg Hunts going on in the county.

You can call 270-754-3000 (ask for Lisa) or email your event news to: ads@ky-leadernews.com.