

MCC Unveils Kentucky's First Electric Training Aircraft



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Staff Report

MADISONVILLE — Madisonville Community College has become the first institution in Kentucky to add a fully electric training aircraft to its aviation program, marking a major step forward in aviation education and workforce development.

The aircraft was unveiled during a special ceremony Wednesday, July 29, at the Glema Mahr Center for the Arts. Through a partnership with the Kentucky Department of Aviation and support from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, the aircraft

will provide students with hands-on training using emerging electric aviation technology.

College officials said the addition makes MCC the first institution in Kentucky—and only the second in the nation—to acquire this type of aircraft for instructional purposes.

The new aircraft will allow students to gain practical experience with next-generation flight systems while preparing for careers in an aviation industry that is rapidly embracing new technologies.

Kentucky Community and Technical College System President Ryan

Quarles joined state officials, community leaders and supporters for the announcement, calling attention to the investment in Kentucky's future aviation workforce.

College leaders said the aircraft reflects MCC's continued commitment to innovation and expanding educational opportunities for students pursuing careers in aviation.

"This is a historic milestone for Madisonville Community College and aviation education in Kentucky," college officials said. "The future of aviation is here, and it's taking flight at MCC."



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TRADITION

Muhlenberg County while providing an economic boost to local merchants, restaurants and small businesses.

Visitors can spend the day browsing dozens of arts and crafts vendors, enjoying a wide variety of food, listening to live entertainment and participating in activities designed for children and families. The festival offers something for every age and has become a destination event for residents and visitors from throughout western Kentucky and beyond.

Since its beginning, Squash & Gobble has earned a reputation as one of the region's premier fall festivals. Downtown streets fill with handcrafted merchandise, home décor, seasonal gifts, boutique items, woodworking, jewelry and locally made products while food vendors serve festival favorites throughout the day.

For many families, the event has become an annual tradition that signals the arrival of autumn. Visitors often spend the day shopping, dining and exploring Greenville's historic downtown, creating lasting memories while supporting local businesses.

Beyond its entertainment value, the festival serves as an important showcase for Greenville and Muhlenberg County. Local officials have long recognized community festivals as valuable opportunities to promote tourism, strengthen the local economy and highlight the welcoming atmosphere that makes Greenville a popular destination.

Families attending this year's event can once again expect live entertainment throughout the day, children's activities, specialty vendors and plenty of opportunities to experience the hospitality that has

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made Squash & Gobble a signature event for the community.

Community Publisher Jeff Jobe said festivals such as Squash & Gobble represent the kind of positive local news that deserves to be celebrated.

"These are the stories we love to highlight on WNES, WKYA, JOBNews.com and throughout our 10 community newspapers," Jobe said. "By partnering with hometown festivals and community events, we're able to celebrate the people, traditions and unique character that make each of our communities special. These events bring families together, support local businesses and remind us why we're proud to call this region home."

Jobe Publishing

offers promotional partnerships with community festivals, nonprofit organizations, tourism agencies and local events throughout south-central and western Kentucky. Through its newspapers, radio stations, digital platforms and social media network, the company helps organizations share their stories while promoting the communities they serve.

As another fall season approaches, Squash & Gobble promises to continue a tradition that has become one of Muhlenberg County's favorite annual gatherings, welcoming residents and visitors alike for a day of shopping, entertainment, food and hometown fellowship in the heart of downtown Greenville.

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LTC Connect ANNUAL MEETING

Join Us! — Friday, August 7, 2026

LTC Connect will hold its Annual Meeting, Friday, August 7 at 7 p.m. at the Logan County Extension Office. Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. to be followed by the business meeting, prize drawing, and refreshments.

At the Annual Meeting, members will elect individuals to represent them on the board of directors. There are two positions to be determined. After the business meeting, a drawing will be held for cash and prizes for adults and children.

All members of LTC Connect are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting, Friday, August 7, 2026.



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