

'I just watched the numbers climb:' Jefferson County woman wins \$900,000

Playing Kentucky Lottery's Bank Boost! online game

Submitted by Jennifer Cunningham

A Jefferson County woman is celebrating a lifechanging surprise after winning more than \$900,000 playing the Kentucky Lottery's online Instant Play game, Bank Boost!.

After receiving \$20 in Kentucky Lottery Bonus Bucks in her online Fun Club account, she decided to use them to try the new game that had just launched.

"I told myself, okay, I'll just wager a dollar on this one since it's new," said the woman who wished to remain anonymous.

What happened next left her stunned.

"It started spinning, spinning and then that big square popped up. I had read the (game) rules, so I knew something big was happening. Then I saw the gray disk that said 'Jackpot' and I just watched the numbers climb," she recalled. "It took about a minute for it to stop spinning. It was a fun minute but a hot minute, too."

Her husband was in another room of their home. "I just sat there in my office trying to breathe," she said. "I walked around the house for 30 minutes before I could even tell him."

To confirm what she was seeing, she checked her email and saw her win. Online lottery wins are confirmed via email. Still in disbelief, the couple immediately called the Kentucky Lottery, where a representative confirmed she had won \$900,392.68.

"I couldn't believe it. This is life-changing," she told Lottery officials.

After sharing the news with her son and daughter – both of whom were just as shocked – she decided to take a few days to let the moment sink in before claiming her prize, just over \$650,000 after taxes.

"I was nervous that if I didn't go ahead and claim it, I was going to get hit by a bus and nobody was getting the money," she joked.

The winner says financial security for her family is her top priority. She plans to pay off all her debts and retire as originally planned in two years. "I can breathe a little easier."

She and her husband already had a vacation planned for their anniversary, but now, she says, "it's going to be a much nicer trip."

She has long played Kentucky Lottery online games and with her win plans to take a brief break. "I'm not going to mess with my karma," she joked.

In 2025, the Kentucky Lottery paid out more than \$1.6 billion in prizes. Kentucky Lottery proceeds have funded scholarships and grants for over 1.1 million Kentucky college students.

Batavia Post investigating a fatal traffic crash

Submitted by the Ohio State Highway Patrol

Georgetown Post 8

Batavia – The Batavia Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol is currently investigating a single-vehicle crash that involved one fatality. The crash occurred on April 4, 2026, at approximately 7:43 pm in the 1300 block of US 50, Miami Township, Clermont

County, Ohio.

The preliminary investigation revealed a 2013 GMC Yukon, driven by Bridget S Meyer, 47, of Hamersville, Ohio, was traveling eastbound on US 50. The GMC Yukon traveled off the left side of the roadway striking a utility pole and a tree. Miami Township EMS arrived on scene and pronounced the passenger, Kristin L. Houser, 40, of Blanchester, Ohio deceased

at the scene.

Ms. Meyer was transported to University of Cincinnati Medical Center with serious injuries.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol was assisted by Miami Township Police Department, Miami Fire and EMS as well as the Clermont County Coroner's Office.

The crash remains under investigation by the Ohio State Highway Patrol, Batavia Post.

Gov. Beshear Signs Legislation on Good Friday To Support Kentuckians With Special Needs

Senate Bills 69 and 85 and House Bill 562 deal with education recognition, research and financial planning for Kentuckians with special needs

Submitted by the Governor's Communications Office

FRANKFORT, Ky. (April 3, 2026) – On Good Friday, Gov. Andy Beshear signed Senate Bills 69 and 85 and House Bill 562 to better support families who have children with special needs.

"I'm proud we're able to do some good for Kentucky families this Good Friday by signing three pieces of legislation that will celebrate children with special needs and better support their future and their families," said Gov. Beshear. "Senate Bills 69 and 85 will help fund research and provide a way for families to financially plan for the future, while House Bill 562 will allow students with special needs to earn a diploma for their hard work and education accomplishments. These are children of God and they deserve all the opportunities Kentucky has to offer, and we're doing what we can to deliver."

Senate Bill 69 establishes the Autism Spectrum Disorder Trust Fund, which will help fuel research of and support for Kentuckians living with autism.

Senate Bill 85 creates a special needs trust in the Kentucky state retirement system for families to financially plan for children or other family members who have special needs.

House Bill 562 requires the Kentucky Department of Education to create a diploma for students with

special needs who otherwise would not have received one.

Other 2026 Bill Signings

In March, Gov. Beshear signed several bills to support education and safety for Kentuckians. These pieces of legislation included Senate Bill 2, directing school districts to not increase administrator pay greater than the percentage pay increase provided to classroom teachers; Senate Bill 5 encouraging schools to purchase locally grown food; Senate Bill 46, which makes changes to student transportation for increased safety; and House Bill 657, which protects consumers by requiring national and state background checks for specialty providers.

In February, Gov. Beshear signed Senate Bill 172, which helped lower the cost of utilities for Kentucky families.

Earlier this month, the Governor signed Senate Bill 145 related to regulations for the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. He also signed Senate Bill 11 into law, establishing a residential safe room rebate program and fund to protect eligible Kentuckians from severe weather.

The Governor also stood with Kentucky public schools in March and vetoed House Bill 1. Click here for the full veto message.

Looking back to April 6, 2018

Written by Christy Hoots

The following information was entered into the April 6, 2018, edition of The Ledger Independent:

Organizations offering assistance

Several resources for assistance are available to residents of Mason County including the Mason County Clothing bank, food bank and senior center.

Clustered together along Kentucky 8, just past the Maysville-Mason County Cemetery, the organizations offer help ranging from clothing to food to heating assistance and more.

Ron Walsch, with the Retired Seniors Volun-

teer Program, said the clothing bank, which is located behind the food bank, offers a variety of clothing for men, women and children.

"We have several women's shirts in our first room," he said. "They can come in and look through the items here. In the next room, we have dresses and long shirts, jackets for women. We also have men's clothing in here."

Walsch said the center offers children's clothes, but it is difficult to keep those in stock.

"We always need donations of children's clothing," he said. "They're a very popular item, so we always need them."

According to Walsch,

reading material is also offered for patrons.

"In the sorting room here, there are several books that people can come in and get," he said.

Walsch said the clothing bank will always take donations, but the clothing needs to be gently used and clean.

"We always ask that the clothing be clean," he said. "We don't have a laundry facility here, so it's important that it's clean when it's brought in. Of course, we appreciate all donations we receive. This clothing bank wouldn't be possible without community support."

RSVP Director Angela Turner said the clothing bank is free for anyone who needs assistance, but they do ask for a \$1 donation.

"That's for anyone who can afford to give it," she said. "It's not manda-

tory. Anyone who needs clothing can come in and browse around and take what they need."

According to Turner, the clothing bank is open from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays and 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Walsch said the bank is open later three days a week in order to coincide with the Mason County food bank, which opens at 2 p.m. on those days.

"Rebecca Cartmell, who is in charge of the food bank, wanted us to stay open on those days because the people who are coming in there for food may need assistance with clothing as well," he said. "This way, they can get the help they need without having to come back later."

The food bank is open at 2 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Those seeking assistance are required to show ID for all members of the household, with proof of residency. The amount of food received will depend on how many are living in the household, according to Cartmell.

Cartmell said a typical donation will include meat, milk or eggs, bread, butter, cereal, canned foods, such as vegetables and fruits, canned soups, spaghetti noodles and sauce, beans, crackers, peanut butter and cornbread.

"We allow food to be given to a family once every 30 days," she said. "There are no limits to how many times a year they can come and they

don't have to come every 30 days. The just can't come more than once in a month."

Once the paperwork is signed, Shirley Ellison will pull crates that are prestocked and put the food in bags to be taken home.

During the holidays, such as Thanksgiving and Christmas, the center puts together special boxes of food with ham or chicken, stuffing and other items families would normally cook. The food is delivered by volunteers.

According to Cartmell, utility and rent/mortgage assistance is once per year and cannot be more than three times in five years.

"We receive grants for utility and rental/mortgage assistance," she said. "We can pay up to \$100 on utilities and we can help pay the rent or mortgage payment one month. We can't do it more than once a year and it's available until we no longer have funds available to offer the service."

Cartmell said in order to receive utility assistance, those seeking help have to bring a disconnect notice and ID.

Next door to the food bank is the Mason County Senior Center. The center offers daily hot meals for seniors over the age of 60, as well as several activities each month.

"We offer a meal every day," Senior Center Coordinator Kim Stanley said. "Seniors can come in and eat with us Monday through Friday. We also have a van service that

delivers meals to homes if the person can't make it out. We have two drivers who deliver."

Stanley said she does ask for a \$1.50 donation if it is affordable.

"If you can't afford it, we don't make you pay that," she said.

According to Stanley, the center also offers activities for seniors, such as crafts, arthritis exercises and trips.

"We asked a group what they wanted to do and they asked if they could tour the Toyota factory in Georgetown," she said. "We took them up to tour the factory and they had so much fun because it was something none of them had done before and they enjoyed every minute."

Stanley said the center also offers heating assistance for the community between October and February. The program is not only for seniors, but residents are asked to bring ID, a heating bill and proof of income.

The senior center is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The RSVP members volunteer at each of the buildings in order to help keep the programs going.

"We wouldn't be able to make this happen without them," Turner said. "The county allowed us to use the building for the clothing bank and allowed us to use some of the inmates to help stock. We have great community support."

Donations to the organizations can be made anytime during regular business hours.

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