

Artwork

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Nook Art Gallery in Flemingsburg.

"All proceeds go towards purchasing art supplies and instruments for the 26-27 school year," stated the flyer. "Donations are divided among student shoppers so they can experience shopping for art."

Individuals can support the Art Odyssey by either donating or visiting the gallery on Tuesday, April 28, from 5-7 p.m. and Wednesday, April 29, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The gallery will be open to community members on Tuesday and Wednesday, and students from Ewing Elementary School and Hillsboro Elementary School on Wednesday.

Crystal Ruark, Executive Director of the Fleming County Chamber of Commerce, stated, "For those who can, please stop by the gallery on Tuesday Evening, April 28th, anytime between 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and show your support to the student artists from Ewing Elementary and Hillsboro Elementary."

In other news, the Fleming County Chamber of Commerce is gearing up to host its next Connections Over Coffee.

"We're excited to gather on Friday, April 17, from 7:30 to 9 a.m. for great networking and meaningful discussion," the Fleming County Chamber of Commerce stated. "Whether you're a longtime member or new to the area, this is a great opportunity to connect with others in Fleming County. As always, this is a free event."

The Connections Over Coffee event will take place on Friday, April 17, in the third-floor courtroom at the Fleming County Fiscal Court building, located at 100 Court Square, Flemingsburg, KY 41041.

Information about this event or others can be found on the Fleming County Chamber of Commerce's Facebook page or at <https://flemingkychamber.com/>.

Quinn Minute – Aunts, uncles, and cousins

Rix Quinn

My friend Mel just got back from an aunt's funeral, where he met family members he did not know he had.

Personally, I've met more relatives at funerals than I have at weddings...but maybe it's because weddings require an invitation.

Last month, my uncle told me that my third cousin had died. No, two cousins didn't die before her. She was my third cousin because our great-grandmothers were sisters. Confusing, huh?

The word "removed" just means a different generation. So, my first cousin's children would be my first cousins once removed.

I had not met the deceased, but her obituary photo looked just like my uncle...but without the beard.

I went to her memorial service so I could mingle with familiar relatives, plus meet new ones. As one of my buddies says, "You need to know cousins in several states, so you can travel cross-country for free."

The deceased cousin was 97, and she had lived a busy life. She'd been married four times, each one an upgrade from her prior spouse.

At one time she'd also been a softball umpire. Maybe that's why she married so much. When a husband disputed her decision, she just called him "out."

Since the funeral was at the grave site, attendees then walked to a nearby large tent for a reception. I've never seen so many familiar-looking folks whose names I didn't know.

I talked to several second cousins, third cousins, and even one old guy who looked like he'd wandered over because he smelled coffee.

After the event, I remembered what an old friend told me: "Any time an event serves food outdoors, you'll see lots of aunts."

Why have fairy tales been so popular for so many years? Why do we remember them? Order Rix's essay on this subject: FAIRY TALE WRITING SECRET

Applications available for game warden positions

Tom Latek

Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) says they are currently accepting applications to fill game warden positions in a dozen counties.

Applications will be accepted through May 7, 2026. Applicants must be 21 years old and possess a valid driver's license. The online application must be completed to be considered. To apply, visit the Game Warden Recruit posting on the Kentucky Personnel Cabinet Careers webpage on the department's website (personnel.ky.gov).

Those who meet initial screening criteria must next pass a physical fitness test, swimming test, oral interview, psychological and drug

screen, polygraph, background review and medical evaluation to be considered for selection.

Applicants should frequently check their email, including junk mail folders after the job posting closes. An initial email to applicants will include important, time-sensitive information, and recipients will be required to respond by a specific date. Applicants will also be notified via email regarding the physical fitness and swim test scheduling.

Selected applicants not already Peace Officer Professional Standards (POPS) certified will undergo 20 weeks of basic training at the Department of Criminal Justice Training in Richmond. In addition to basic training, all selected applicants undergo another 14 weeks of training in the Kentucky Fish and

Wildlife Academy before being placed with a field training officer for a final 12 weeks of on-the-job training.

Kentucky's game wardens are sworn law enforcement officers with statewide jurisdiction who enforce all laws of the state. Their primary mission is to enforce hunting, fishing and boating laws to help conserve Kentucky's fish and wildlife resources for present and future generations and to ensure public safety for the state and its waterways for all to enjoy.

New game wardens are expected to be assigned to the following counties upon completion of this year's academy: Allen, Barren, Bourbon, Breckinridge, Carter, Greenup, Henderson, Jefferson, Logan, Meade, Monroe and Morgan.

\$1.7 million raised for UK Children's Hospital

Tom Latek

Kentucky Today

LEXINGTON, Ky. (KT) – The Children's Miracle Network (CMN) announced Friday its partners raised a record \$1.7 million for the Golisano Children's Hospital at the University of Kentucky in 2025.

CMN partners, led by Walmart, Speedway, Valvoline Instant Oil Change, Phi Mu Sorority and Dairy Queen, once again stepped up to support Kentucky's children and families. Rooted in the communities they serve, these organizations go above and beyond to support their neighbors, classmates and friends who rely on care at UK Golisano Children's.

"Every donation our customers and associates make is a reminder of how connected we are to the families in our communities," said Jamie Campbell, market manager at Walmart. "Knowing those dollars stay local and help children right here in Kentucky is something our teams truly take pride in."

Funds raised by CMN partners support several projects at the children's hospital including animal therapy, providing sensory items to clinics and lifesaving research.

"Our patients come to us from every corner of the state; the same communities where our CMN partners live and work," said Dr. Scottie B. Day, physician-in-chief

at UK Golisano Children's. "Their support allows us to care for their friends, family members and neighbors, ensuring children across Kentucky have access to the care they need, close to home."

More than 30 partner companies support UK Golisano Children's through CMN campaigns, including selling Miracle Balloons, hosting events and asking customers to "round up" or donate change at the register. With local CMN partner dollars, UK Golisano Children's has renovated and transformed hospital spaces, plus the expansion of services at the Golisano Children's at UK Richmond Road Clinic. Other CMN fund-

ed projects include:

Transforming an underused area in the hospital into the Valvoline Instant Oil Change Family Lounge, located outside the pediatric intensive care unit.

Providing colorful child-sized blankets to kids before surgery.

Purchase of respiratory equipment not covered by insurance for patients with cystic fibrosis and asthma.

Icee Machine in the children's surgery center.

Stuffed animals to comfort children undergoing diagnostic imaging.

The UK Play Café to help with social skills for children with autism and ADHD.

Looking back to April 13, 2018

Written by Christy Hoots

The following information was entered into the April 13, 2018, edition of The Ledger Independent:

City eyes automated trash collection

Automated trash collection could be coming to Maysville in the near future.

City commissioners heard from Mike Dahlmann, owner of Indianapolis-based Best Equipment Co., Thursday on bringing automated garbage collection to the city.

Several commissioners traveled to Indianapolis in December to observe how automated collection works in that city, according to Commissioner Kelly Ashley.

Dahlmann explained how an automated collection truck would travel the city's garbage collection route with a robotic arm that swings out, lifts a specially designed container, and dumps trash and recyclables into the truck's compactor bin.

Automated collection brings some basic benefits to municipalities which incorporate the service into city services, Dahlmann said. That includes a reduction in budget costs since the truck requires only one person to operate it, as opposed to up to six for manual collection. And the cost of hauling the trash is reduced since the containers keep it dry, meaning it weighs less. It also means a gain in productivity, efficiency and safety, he said.

As a bonus, the use of automated collection means a cleaner city, Dahlmann said.

"Its civic pride, it shows people that you care," he said.

The city could buy a collection truck or trucks and the containers on a municipal lease purchase plan spread out over a period of up to seven years, officials said.

While other city departments have updated technology over time, trash collection hasn't received its due,

Dahlmann said.

"It's time," he said.

No price tag was attached to the proposal and commissioners and Mayor David Cartmell did not take any action on the issue.

Also Thursday, commissioners heard from City Manager Matt Wallingford on progress to turn city-owned property on Forest Avenue into a park and a site for the city's skate park equipment.

The property on Forest Avenue was once the site of a tobacco warehouse and was donated to the city by the property owner.

Plans for the park include a basketball court, walking track, benches, a gazebo and, at some point an amphitheater, according to officials, along with the relocated skate boarding equipment currently located on flood-prone property behind the public library. The current park is named after fallen Police Officer Dany Hay and is being moved with his family's blessing.

Wallingford said there has been a slight holdup as an environmental assessment is continuing and results may not be available until late fall. In the meantime, he suggested the city will do some site work and look into asbestos removal to make the site more presentable.

In other business, commissioners:

— Accepted the resignation of Tourism Director Suzy Pratt who cited family concerns for her decision.

— Approved the retirement of Terry Stamper from the Public Works Department.

— Approved the promotion of Police Officer Paul Mellenkamp to sergeant.

— Agreed to hire Suzan Baldwin CPA for the city's 2018 audit.

— Agreed to an annual lease with KCTCS for MCTC's College Cafe at the Cox Building at a cost of \$6,000.

Commissioners retired into executive session to discuss pending litigation.

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