

Sleek driver's licensing system coming in June

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FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Gov. Andy Beshear announced on Wednesday that a new, modernized driver licensing system and online portal will launch in June, designed to provide online services to reduce wait times at regional offices and minimize paperwork.

The improved system will replace the current, nearly 40-year-old system and allow Kentuckians to create accounts through the new portal, myDrive, that enables them to pre-apply for a license, permit or ID, request a card replacement, check their current license standing, and more.

Kentuckians due to renew in June are strongly encouraged to visit a Driver Licensing Regional Office before June 4, as all offices will close on June 4 and 5 and hours of operation will be adjusted from

June 8-18 for the system migration.

“Team Kentucky remains committed to improving our licensing services so that Kentuckians are spending less time waiting in line and more time getting where they need to go,” Beshear said. “This new system will provide families with the secure, online services they expect in today’s world, and we are encouraging folks to plan ahead and take care of any needed renewals ahead of June, as the transition will briefly impact hours at our offices.”

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC)’s new system, known as the Kentucky Information Network for Driver Licensing (KINDL), is scheduled to launch Monday, June 8.

The new system will streamline licensing for commercial drivers too, allowing medical certificates to be accepted

directly from approved medical providers, cutting out the middle step of drivers having to manually submit results to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration’s (FMCSA) National Registry. Once launched, the state’s MyCDL portal for commercial drivers to upload medical certificates will be discontinued, as it will no longer be needed.

“With approximately 55,000 Kentuckians due to renew in June, now is the best time to take care of your licensing needs to save valuable time before the temporary office closures,” said KYTC Secretary Rebecca Goodman. “Online and mail-in renewal is still an option for most Kentuckians who want to skip a trip entirely if they have a completed vision screening form.”

Cardholders can renew their driver’s license up to six months before their card’s expiration date.

Harrison Memorial Hospital expands rehabilitation services with pelvic floor therapy

Submitted by Mollie Smith
Harrison Memorial Hospital

Harrison Memorial Hospital continues to expand its rehabilitation offerings with the addition of pelvic floor therapy, an additional service available through the HMH Physical Therapy Department. This service complements the wide variety of rehabilitation treatments already provided through physical, occupational, and speech therapy.

Pelvic floor therapy is performed by two certified therapists, Alexia Fryman and Laura Curtis, who have been specially trained.

Pelvic floor therapy focuses on improving the strength, coordination, and function of the muscles that support the bladder, bowel, and reproductive organs. When these muscles become weak, tight, or do not function properly, a variety of symptoms can occur that affect daily comfort and quality of life. Pelvic floor therapy works to restore normal muscle

function, reduce pain, and help patients return to their normal activities.

Many individuals can benefit from pelvic floor therapy. Common bladder concerns include urinary leakage when coughing, sneezing, laughing, or exercising; frequent or urgent urination; difficulty fully emptying the bladder; and pain with urination. Patients experiencing pelvic pain may have symptoms such as pelvic pressure or discomfort, pain with sitting, or abdominal and pelvic muscle tightness.

Pelvic floor therapy can also support women during pregnancy and after delivery. Treatment may help prepare the body for childbirth, address pelvic pain during pregnancy, manage postpartum bladder leakage, assist with diastasis recti, and strengthen the core following delivery.

Patients recovering from surgery may also benefit. Pelvic floor therapy can support recovery after gynecologic surgery, hys-

terectomy, or abdominal and pelvic procedures.

In addition, pelvic floor dysfunction can contribute to broader musculoskeletal issues such as persistent low back pain, hip instability, core weakness, and poor breathing patterns or posture.

Pelvic floor therapy is individualized to each patient and may include education about pelvic health, pelvic floor muscle training, relaxation and coordination techniques, core strengthening and breathing exercises, manual therapy, posture and movement training, and bladder and bowel habit education.

If pelvic symptoms are affecting comfort, daily activities, bladder or bowel control, or overall mobility, pelvic floor therapy may help. Early treatment can often improve symptoms and prevent them from worsening.

For more information about pelvic floor therapy at Harrison Memorial Hospital, call 859-235-3553.

Ready to Learn CECC Blue Ribbon Kids' Fest gearing up

Submitted by Community Education Director Angie Black

The Ready to Learn CECC Blue Ribbon Kids' Fest is headed to the Maysville Community and Technical College from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 23.

This free event is tailored

for children aged 0-5 and their families to explore activities that promote kindergarten readiness.

In recent years, this event has featured several community organizations offering resources, hands-on activities, and helpful information for families. Some favorites have included a build-an-

animal booth, the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, the HANDS Program, Snowy Turtle, and the Mason County Public Library.

Come and enjoy food, drinks, and lots of fun activities for families to enjoy.

For more information, contact Mason County Schools FRYSC at (606) 564-5683.



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Independent Auditor's Report

The Honorable Owen McNeill, Mason County Judge/Executive

The Honorable Ryan Swolsky, Mason County Sheriff

Members of the Mason County Fiscal Court

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statement

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Excess Fees - Regulatory Basis of the Sheriff of Mason County, Kentucky, for the period May 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statement.

Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statement presents fairly, in all material respects, the receipts, disbursements, and excess fees of the Mason County Sheriff for the period May 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, in accordance with the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws as described in Note 1.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles section of our report, the financial statement does not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Mason County Sheriff, as of December 31, 2024, or changes in financial position or cash flows thereof for the period then ended.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS), the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* (GAS), issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Program for County Fee Officials issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Mason County Sheriff and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note 1 of the financial statement, the financial statement is prepared by the Mason County Sheriff on the basis of the accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky, to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statement of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statement

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of this financial statement in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of a financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Mason County Sheriff's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and, therefore, is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and GAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statement.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and GAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Mason County Sheriff's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statement.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Mason County Sheriff's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.
- We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we have identified during the audit.

The Honorable Owen McNeill, Mason County Judge/Executive

The Honorable Ryan Swolsky, Mason County Sheriff

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Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 22, 2025, on our consideration of the Mason County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, in considering the Mason County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Ball

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Auditor of Public Accounts
Frankfort, KY

December 22, 2025

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★ GRAND PRIZE WINNER ★

Judy Kimbler
Will Receive A Beautiful Family Bible

★ Here Is A Complete List Of All Our Winners ★
Each Person Was Awarded A Holy Bible

Week One Dana Caskey	Week Six Harry Herrington	Week Ten Ella Jones
Week Two Beth Lewis	Week Seven Judy Kimbler	Week Eleven Kathy Finch
Week Three Linda Herrington	Week Eight Susan Wood	Week Twelve Kingsleigh Whitaker
Week Four Morgan Hester	Week Nine Barbara Brumagen	
Week Five Abel Whitaker		

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