

UPS Louisville plane crash hearing scheduled for next month

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WASHINGTON (KT) – The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) will hold a two-day investigative hearing May 19–20, as part of its ongoing investigation into last November's crash of a United Parcel Service (UPS) plane, while it was taking off from Louisville.

On Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2025, the airplane, operating as a domestic cargo flight from Louisville to Honolulu, was destroyed after impacting the ground shortly after takeoff from Louisville's Muhammad Ali International Airport. The three crewmembers aboard the airplane along with 11 people on the ground were killed. One more person on the ground who was seriously injured died 51 days after the accident. Twenty-three people on the ground were injured.

The hearing will be held at the NTSB boardroom in Washington where it will also be livestreamed. The agenda, witness list and other details will be announced in the coming weeks.

The NTSB conducts investigative hearings to assist in obtaining information necessary to determine the facts and circumstances of transportation accidents or incidents under investigation. Although the investigative hearing is open to the public, only NTSB board members, investigators, witnesses and parties to the hearing are allowed to actively participate in the event.

Links to the preliminary accident report, investigative updates and other related materials, are available by going to the investigation webpage.

NRCS Kentucky announces the application dates for ACEP-ALE

Submitted by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) encourages people and groups wanting to protect agricultural lands to consider enrolling their property into conservation easements.

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Kentucky reminds property owners of funding available for conservation easements to protect working ag lands, through the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program – Agricultural Land Easements (ACEP-ALE).

ACEP - ALE helps private and tribal landowners, land trusts, and state and local governments protect croplands and grasslands on working farms and ranches through conservation easements. Through ACEP agricultural land easements, NRCS provides funds to conservation partners to purchase conservation easements on private working lands. This program helps keep working lands working, especially in areas experiencing development pressure.

Applications for ACEP-ALE that meet eligibility and ranking criteria and that are received by May 22, 2026, will be considered for the third round of fiscal year 2026 funding. Landowners do not apply directly to NRCS for funding under this program. Landowners who wish to be considered for ACEP-ALE must make application to an eligible entity.

Applications received after these ranking dates will be automatically deferred to the next funding period. Entities interested in agricultural easements should contact their local USDA service center or visit the Kentucky NRCS ACEP-ALE website.

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KDFWR: Leave young wildlife alone this spring

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FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Spring is here, and with it comes an abundance of young wildlife across the state.

Newborn wildlife can be found in a variety of habitats, including urban neighborhoods. And the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources urges the public to leave young wildlife undisturbed, even when they appear to be alone, and reminds landowners to watch for vulnerable wildlife when working on their properties.

Wildlife parents often leave their nest or young in a location they consider safe while they forage or hunt nearby, including places that are more developed. Young wildlife may appear to be left alone, but a parent is almost always nearby and will come back as needed to feed and take care of them. It's normal for them to be away for hours, so don't be alarmed if you come across a baby animal by itself.

It is important to remember that human intervention can cause unnecessary harm to young wildlife. Touching a baby animal can transfer human scent and draw attention to their location, potentially making the young more noticeable to predators.

"Every year, well-meaning people often step in to 'rescue' a baby wild animal that is alone and appears

to be abandoned," said Dr. Christine Casey, wildlife veterinarian with Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "In reality, they were fine before someone with good intentions stepped in, trying to help in the wrong way."

Instead, people can help baby wild animals thrive by:

- Observing them from a distance.
- Secure trash cans and avoid leaving food or other attractants outside.
- Keep children and pets away to prevent potential injury or leaving a scent trail that may attract predators.

- Check a property or site for the presence of young animals before mowing or commencing outdoor projects

Only state-permitted wildlife rehabilitators can care for orphaned or injured wildlife in Kentucky, and under state law it is illegal to remove young wildlife from the wild. A list of approved wildlife rehabilitators, searchable by county and animal type, is available on the department's website. Kentucky Fish and Wildlife does not accept orphaned or injured animals.

Possessing wildlife is only permitted in very limited cases and is strictly regulated by state and federal law. For more information on caring for injured and orphaned wildlife, visit the department's website at fw.ky.gov.

U of L and JCPS teacher program expands

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. (KT) – The University of Louisville and Jefferson County Public Schools are expanding the Louisville Teacher Residency program, a partnership designed to grow and sustain a diverse, highly skilled teacher workforce for Louisville's highest-need schools.

The expansion is supported by renewed funding from Class Act Federal Credit Union, which has committed \$450,000 to support scholarships and programmatic needs.

The Louisville Teacher Residency, the first program of its kind in Kentucky, provides college graduates who did not major in education the opportunity to earn a master's degree and Kentucky teaching certification in just one year, in exchange for a commitment to teach in a high-needs JCPS school.

"UofL is deeply grateful for our partnership with Jefferson County

Public Schools to implement a teacher residency program that recruits, retains and elevates future educators," said UofL President Gerry Bradley. "We are also grateful to Class Act for their generous scholarship support, which enables us to create new pathways for educators pursuing careers in Early Childhood Education and Special Education."

During the residency year, participants spend four days each week embedded in JCPS classrooms, gaining hands-on teaching experience under the guidance of master teachers. On Fridays and throughout the summer, residents attend classes at UofL, completing coursework co-designed by JCPS and university faculty to ensure alignment with classroom realities and district needs. Upon completion, residents transition into full-time teaching roles within JCPS.

"I am thankful for Class Act's continued support, which plays an important role in providing

our residents with the guidance, resources, and preparation needed to succeed in the classroom," said Stefanie Wooten Burnett, assistant dean at UofL's College of Education and Human Development. "This partnership reflects our shared commitment to strengthening the teacher pipeline and supporting students in JCPS."

Class Act Federal Credit Union has now committed more than \$1 million to the Louisville Teacher Residency program since its creation.

"Supporting the Louisville Teacher Residency aligns with our credit union philosophy of 'people helping people,' and specifically with Class Act's mission of supporting education in our community" said Tom Anonson, President & CEO at Class Act Federal Credit Union. "By partnering with UofL and JCPS, we are helping prepare educators who will make a lasting difference for students and families across our community."

Looking back to April 20, 2018

Written by Mary Ann Kearns

The following information was entered into the April 20, 2018, edition of The Ledger Independent:

Family joins forces to preserve cemetery of ancestors

A group of distant relatives, drawn together by a common goal, came to Maysville with a mission in mind — to preserve and restore a long-neglected family cemetery.

The cousins are all

descended from some key historical figures from the area including Bull Nelson, Dr. John Coburn, Thomas Nelson, Marshall Key, John Patterson, Anderson Doniphan and the Wood line. They traveled to Maysville from New York, California and Florida for the purpose of resurrecting and preserving the old Coburn Cemetery off Kentucky 596 in Germantown.

During their stay, they will be touring downtown Maysville and Old Washington. A visit with another cousin, Joseph Byrd Brannen was also on the agenda.

But visiting the Coburn Cemetery near the site of the now demolished Patterson home in Germantown was the primary objective, Dale Jacobi, who came to Maysville from New York, said. Joining her on the adventure is her husband, Pat; along with cousins Eve Tucker of Florida, Julie Cleaver and Barbara Malka of California, Betsy Davenport of Millersburg, and John Patterson of Loveland, Ohio.

Discovering the cemetery and clues dur-

ing ancestry searches on Ancestry.com connected the formerly unacquainted cousins said, Cleaver. During that research they found that Dale Jacobi and John Patterson had both found the cemetery just weeks apart on previous unconnected trips to the area. Jacobi said she knocked on the door of the home near the cemetery and found owners Kathleen and R.J. Chinn family who said they were welcome to explore the old burial ground.

"This is an adventure. We came to walk in our ancestors' footprints and to get to know each other and to know each other," she said. "That's been a dream of mine for 20 years."

The old cemetery, where members of the Coburn family were buried for five decades from 1825 to 1875, is crumbling so the cousins were meeting Thursday with a representative from a monument company to see if some of the broken monuments could be repaired or preserved. They also spent time deciphering headstones for names and discovered some before unknown headstones

and others which had been removed from graves.

"We want to know what can be done to restore and preserve this cemetery," Dale Jacobi said.

Dale Jacobi said there were nine stones and three others, marking what may have been infant graves before more were found Thursday.

Eventually, the family would like to gain pioneer status for the cemetery and even secure a historic marker for the site.

Cleaver also plans to leave a family Bible in Kentucky where it originated. She was given the Dr. Anderson Doniphan Bible after someone contacted her through Ancestry.com, saying they had bought the 1811 Bible at an estate sale in Lexington. She brought it back to Kentucky with her to share with her cousins and will leave it with a relative in Louisville.

In the meantime, the cousins will continue to explore their ancestral connections and to work to preserve the final resting place of their forefathers.

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