

The Leslie County News



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In and Around Leslie County....

MARY BRECKINRIDGE FESTIVAL 2026

WANT TO BE A VENDOR? CONTACT CITY HALL

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATION FOR EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION UNTIL AUGUST 1ST

CRAFT BOOTHS: EARLY BIRD SPECIAL \$65
 COMMERCIAL BOOTHS: EARLY BIRD SPECIAL \$100
 FOOD BOOTHS: EARLY BIRD SPECIAL \$375

PLEASE NOTE: AFTER AUGUST 1ST PRICE WILL CHANGE
 ALSO IF YOUR BOOTH REQUIRES ELECTRICITY, A FEE WILL BE APPLIED THIS YEAR:
 ADDITIONAL FEE FOR ELECTRIC: CRAFT \$10, COMMERCIAL \$20 & FOOD \$50

606-672-2300
 OFFERING EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION DISCOUNT
 MAIN STREET HYDEN, KY

.....CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE.....

Simpson named 14th Region Baseball Player of the Year

Following an exceptional senior campaign, Leslie County standout Rylan Simpson has been named the 14th Region Baseball Player of the Year.

Simpson, a shortstop/pitcher/utility player, led Leslie County throughout the 2026 high school baseball season. The senior excelled both offensively and defensively for the Eagles.

Offensively, Simpson batted .500 with 47 hits, 44 runs, 31 RBIs, 12 doubles, 4 triples, 9 home runs, 11 walks and 26 stolen bases.

Defensively, Simpson compiled a 4-4 pitching record with a 2.31 ERA and 88 strikeouts.

With Simpson leading the way, Leslie County compiled a 17-17 record in the 2026 high school softball season.

Head coach Matthew Asher guides the Eagles. Remaining on top, Wolfe County captured its second straight 14th Region title during the 2026 high school baseball season. The Wolves repeated as 14th Region baseball champs for the first time. Wolfe County claimed its first 14th Region baseball championship in 2025.

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Special Fiscal Court Meeting Held

The special meeting of the Leslie County Fiscal Court was held on Friday June 26, 2026, at 3:00p.m. in the Leslie County Judge Executives office. The meeting was called to order by Judge Executive William Lewis. Roll call by County Clerk Deputy Kristy Mitchell showed all Magistrates present, except Dusty Baker and Russell Brock.

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion to approve was made by Magistrate Roscoe Asher and seconded by Magistrate John Newell. Roll call was unanimous.

Agenda Item 3. Motion to approve the second reading of the budget for Fiscal Year 2027. Motion to approve was made by Magistrate John Newell and seconded by Magistrate Roscoe Asher. Roll call was unanimous.

Agenda Item 4. Motion to reappoint Police Force Chief Landry Collett and salary will remain the same and appoint Monroe Nantz as the second officer. His salary will be the same as the Police Force Chief. Motion to approve was made by Magistrate Roscoe Asher and seconded by Magistrate John Newell. Roll call was unanimous.

Agenda Item 5. Motion to approve Current Contract with the addendum and email attached as the agreement and authorize County Judge to execute Contract after changes are made by Rumpke. Motion to approve was made by Magistrate Roscoe Asher and seconded by John Newell. Roll call was unanimous.

Motion to adjourn was made by Magistrate John Newell and seconded by Magistrate Roscoe Asher. Roll call was unanimous.

Judge Executive William Lewis
 Magistrate John Newell
 Magistrate Roscoe Asher

Ceremonies Held at Stinnett Community Center



Ceremonies for the new flag pole at the Stinnett Community Center took place this past Thursday. Brenda Morgan, Director for the Stinnett Community Center, had everyone meet out by the new flag pole. She said that this day was dedicated to 92

year old Army Veteran John Newell, who is a faithful attendee at the Senior Citizens Center. The Leslie County DAV were on hand to present colors and to do the 21 gun salute. The DAV also installed the new flag pole and did the flag raising.

We thank John Hacker for his service and also each member of the DAV and to all of our Veterans.

Following the ceremony, a delicious meal was served by the cooks at at the SCC Senior Citizens Center.

Photos by John Newell

Leslie County FARMERS MARKET

JULY 10TH 4PM - 8PM
 Food Vendor: Johnny and Judy Muncy

JULY 11TH 9AM - 2PM
 Food Vendor: Rednecker's

SHOP FRESH. SHOP LOCAL. SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY!

FEATURED VENDOR: Day Family Farm

OTHER VENDORS:
 EGGS, BAKED TREATS, BREADS, TASTY DRINKS, MEATS, CANDIES, PRODUCE, HONEY, CRAFTS, JEWELRY

Central Presbyterian Church - fundraising for the youth summer trip to the Ark Encounter

BOBBY OSBORNE PAVILION
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 Leslie County Farmers Market

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Chance of T-Storms Hi: 81°F Lo: 68°F	Mostly Cloudy Hi: 78° F Lo: 67°F	Chance of T-Storms Hi: 75° F Lo: 65°F	Chance of T-Storms Hi: 821°F Lo: 66° F	Chance of T-Storms Hi: 843° F Lo: 63°F