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Nov. 2 — Thought for the week: It takes many good deeds to build a reputation. And only one bad to lose.

Reputation: How someone perceives, judges or views a person, place or business on actions or behavior.

We all have views on a specific person, place or business whether it be positive or negative. Are they trustworthy, honest, dependable, have a solid reputation. Or, do we deem them dishonest, untrustworthy, or shady.

The Bible says a (good name) Reputation is better than great riches. Jesus made himself of no reputation for which God exalted him. (Philippian ch 2).

Jesus' public reputation was damaged by the Pharisee's by slandering him and accusing him of untruths.

As Christians we must conduct ourselves as Christlike. I stated during Halloween the only ghost in my house was THE HOLY GHOST.

Now listen, folks, the Holy Ghost will never inspire you to gossip, steal or lie to ruin someone else's reputation. You can put a Bible under your arm, a smile on your face and shout above everyone else but if the words coming out of your mouth are tearing someone down you better stop and take a look at yourself. Don't expect the Holy Spirit to defend you. That poison on your tongue wasn't Holy Ghost inspired. So my friend to keep a good reputation, don't speak bad about others. Amen.

November has arrived in all its glory. I was sad to see October go. The trees this year weren't very desirable, very little color.

Looking forward, the holidays are coming up. Thanksgiving, and maybe some colder weather. But, let's not talk about cold weather. There's plenty time for that.

Last week mom Barbara Carpenter fell twice and spent a few days at St.Claire-U.K. nothing broken. Just a little sore. Then I had to go by ambulance to E.R. my blood pressure was 200/115. We had a stressful week. Desire everyone's prayers.

Barbara Carpenter had company this week. Kendall Carpenter, Tamera Tate, Janice Lewis and Lisa Patrick visited.

Prayers to the sick everywhere.

And Blessing on your journey.

Outdoor burning laws in effect thru Dec. 15

FRANKFORT, Ky., Oct. 2 – Wildfire hazard season began Oct. 1 in Kentucky andKentuckians are reminded that outdoor burning restrictions will be in place Oct 1-Dec. 15) throughout the commonwealth.

The Commonwealth of Kentucky's outdoor burning law prohibits burning between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. local time, if the fire is within 150 feet of any woodland, brushland, or fields containing dry grass or other flammable materials. These restrictions are in effect every fall (Oct. 1 – Dec. 15) and spring (Feb. 15 – April 30) to help prevent wildfires.

The Division of Forestry (KDF) responds to 850 to 1,000 wildfires annually across the state. Studies show that 99% of wildfires in Kentucky are caused by human activity. Arsonists start over half of the wildfires, and the second leading cause is debris fires that escape. If a fire escapes from the burning of debris, immediately contact the nearest or local fire department.

Kentucky has more than 12 million acres of forests, nearly half the state. Those forests are the foundation of a major economic force in the commonwealth. In 2024-2025, Kentucky's forest products industry contributed $20 billion to our economy and provided more than 28,000 jobs.

To help prevent wildfires and protect your family, neighbors, and firefighters, KDF recommends the following precautions:

Avoid burning debris during fire hazard seasons and during dry, windy conditions. Outdoor burning is illegal between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. in or within 150 feet of any woodland, brushland, or fields with dry grass.

Incorporate "Firewise" practices around homes and communities in forested areas. Remove leaves, debris, and firewood from around homes and structures to reduce fuel for wildfires and to help firefighters access your property. Creating a defensible space also includes trimming overhanging branches, spacing out shrubs, and keeping grass mowed short—these steps protect your home and your neighbors. For more tips, visit https://www.firewise.org/

Report suspected arson to the nearest Kentucky State Police Post or call the Target Arson Hotline at 800-27-ARSON.

Contact your local fire department or county judge/executive's office for questions regarding local burn bans. Residents should call the Division for Air Quality at (502) 564-3999 to learn about other specific regulations before burning anything.

Public Notices

PROBATE NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this 22nd day of September 2026 that Diane Tackett has been appointed as the executrix of the C.J. Tackett estate. Anyone indebted to said estate should pay the undersigned immediately. Anyone having a claim of any nature against said estate should file the same, properly verified, with the undersigned no later than six (6) months from the date of publication.

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West Liberty, KY 41472

Hon. John C. Collins
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Salyersville, KY 41465

C-11-5-26

Dist. Wildlife Commission seat to be filled

FRANKFORT, Ky., Oct. 1— Public nomination meetings to fill three expiring Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission district seats will be held in November. A new nomination process is now in place to select candidates for the 2nd, 3rd and 8th district representative's seats.

The commission is a nine-member board that meets quarterly in Frankfort to help provide oversight of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources and guide development of the state's regulations on hunting, fishing, boating and conservation. Commission members are nominated at public meetings. The governor selects one nominee from each district to the board, who must then be confirmed by the Kentucky Senate.

The meeting to nominate individuals within the 8th district, who properly applied for consideration and were qualified by the department, will be Tuesday, Nov. 17. (Applications for nomination are due by Nov. 2) at the Cooperative Extension Office in Mt. Sterling Cooperative Extension Service, 106 East Locust Street, Doors open from 6 to 7:30 p.m. (ET), Closed door meeting at 7:30 p.m. 8th District includes Bath, Bourbon, Boyd, Carter, Elliott, Fleming, Greenup, Lewis, Mason, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Nicholas, Rowan, and Wolfe counties.

COURIER SPORTS



Front row, left to right: Casey Johnson and Nash Shepherd. Second row, left to right, Liam Wight, Raven Sherman. Jackson Martin, Coulson Shepherd and Rydge Williams. Third row, left ro right: Waylon Engle, Landon Collins, Devan Ferguson, Hayze Burke. Coaches-Charlie Johnson, Jamie Ferguson, Andrew Shepherd and Kyle Shepherd.

Morgan County boys part of champion youth travel ball team

Two local boys have excelled as members of a traveling youth baseball team that recently reached #1 in the state and #1 nationally.

Rydge Williams, 9, and Devan Ferguson, 10, of West Liberty, are members of the Premier Prospects 10U team out of Prestonsburg, which is comprised of young men from Floyd, Johnson and Morgan counties.

The team recently traveled to Putnam County Park in Hurricane, W.Va., to compete in the USSSA Scared Hitless tournament against a field of eight teams, as per a recent social media post:

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The Prospects battled through pool play on Saturday, going 2-0 and earning the #2 seed heading into championship Sunday. But these young men weren't finished!

Sunday turned into a marathon of baseball, with games beginning at 10:00 AM and the final game not wrapping up until 7:00 PM. Five games. Five victories. One championship!

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The Premier Prospects defeated the following teams to win the Scared Hitless championship:

• WV Smash, ranked #2 in West Virginia — 11-4.
• WV Savage — 20-7.
• Southern Ohio Miners, ranked #1 in Ohio — 11-2.
• River City Rampage, ranked #5 in West Virginia — 20-2.
• Huntington Hounds — 11-3

Rydge and Devan have played for the Prospects for three years, competing with teams in Kentucky, Tennessee, West Virginia, Florida and South Carolina.

Rydge is the son of Daniel and Alisha Williams, and Devan is the son of Jamie and Amy Ferguson.

Congratulations to Rydge and Devan and the rest of the team!

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whoever the tiny home business is that owns the building on my property at 1065 Blaze Rd., West Liberty, KY 41472, needs to move it within the next 2 weeks or it will be considered abandoned and become ours. Please contact Sexton's Farm at 606-359-0865.

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SEALED BIDS

The City of West Liberty will accept sealed bids on the below listed surplus items. The items can be viewed at West Liberty Wastewater Treatment Plant from 7:00AM to 3:30 PM - Monday through Friday. The items will be sold as is. Bids will be accepted at City Hall 565 Main Street until Friday November 13th, 2026, at 5:00 PM. For more information, call (606)743-3330. The City of West Liberty reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids.

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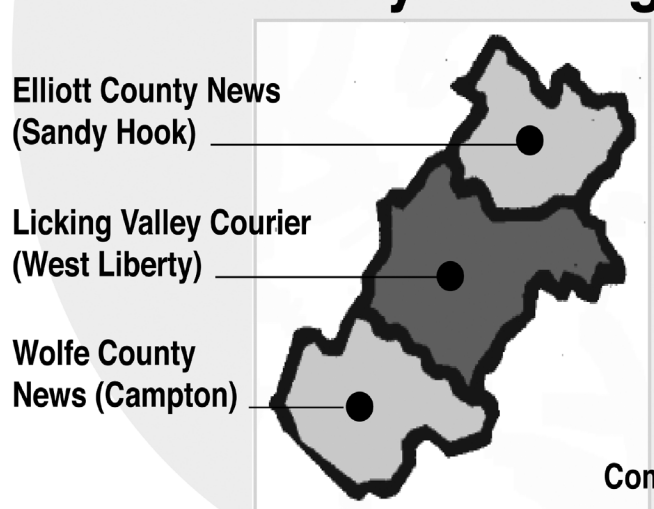

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