

RECALL: Glass found in some chicken products

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Ajinomoto Foods North America is expanding its recall of frozen chicken products, that may be contaminated with glass.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service says the company is recalling approximately 33,617,045 additional pounds of various ready-to-eat and

frozen chicken and pork fried rice, ramen and shu mai dumpling products, for a combined total of nearly 37 million pounds subject to recall.

Sixteen products are included in the expanded recall, all of which were produced between Oct. 21, 2024, and Feb. 26, 2026, under brand names Ajinomoto, Kroger, Ling Ling, Tai Pei and Trader Joe's. These products have best-by dates ranging from Feb. 28, 2026, through Aug. 19, 2027.

The products subject to recall bear establishment number P-18356, P-18356B or P-47971 inside the USDA mark of inspection and were shipped to retail locations nationwide.

The problem was discovered when the establishment notified inspectors that it received multiple consumer complaints involving glass found in product. The initial recall was announced Feb. 19.

Upon further investigation, the

company determined that a source ingredient, specifically carrots, was the likely cause of the glass contamination.

There have been no confirmed reports of injury due to consumption of this product. Anyone concerned about an injury should contact a healthcare provider.

The federal inspection service is concerned that some products may be in retailers' or consumers' freezers.

Consumers who have purchased these products are urged not to consume them. These products should be thrown away or returned to the place of purchase.

Consumers with questions about the recall can contact Consumer Affairs, Ajinomoto Foods North America, at 855-742-5011 or email at customercare@ajinomotofoods.com.

HISTORY

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to do with Elvin's unique collection, the family said their first thought was the Hardin County History Museum.

"He would be very pleased to see some of his collection preserved here for future generations to enjoy," Donald said. "Dad certainly enjoyed sharing his time and his talents and we're pleased to be able to share some of his treasure with these gifts to the Hardin County History Museum. ... Our hope is that you all will enjoy finding something new each time that you tour and remember our amazing dad in the process."

For the adult children, they all agreed that if they could say one final thing to their father, it would be to say, "Thank you."

"Thank you for being such an amazing dad, and an amazing husband to mom, and an amazing grandfather to our kids," Stepp said. "And just thank you for teaching us to treat other people with kindness. He just always wanted people to feel special. I'm thankful that he passed that on to us so that we could demonstrate that love to other people."

"One of my buddies said, 'Your dad is the best thing to come out of Hardin County since Abraham Lincoln,'" Eddie said. "I'm so grateful for him to be my dad."

In addition to family members, students and friends also remembered Smith as a man who con-



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The desk belonging to Elvin Smith Jr., retired teacher and history enthusiast, is on display at the Hardin County History Museum. The second floor was dedicated in his honor during a ceremony Wednesday.



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The family of Elvin Smith Jr. unveiled the sign dedicating the second floor of the Hardin County History Museum in honor of the local history buff and founding member of the museum.

tinued to each even outside of the classroom.

"His fingerprints are on everything in this museum, and it wouldn't be the quality facility that it is today without him," said Tim Asher, history museum president. "I always noticed he approached everything with enthusiasm and spirit. He taught generations of children at Lincoln Trail. He would do anything for anyone who needed him."

Asher said Smith was an advocate of historical

preservation.

"He was a photographer, a believer in the power of history, to give perspective and teach lessons, and he didn't just talk about history, he took you there," Asher said. "He put it in your hand. You walked in the footsteps of the great leaders and the great individuals who've come before us to forge where we are today. He was an educator, a researcher, an organizer, a curator, a trailblazer, a metal detector. He was fearless."



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Chris Adams, on right, with his sons, C.J., left, and Casey at a scouting event.

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of Cub Master for Pack 233. It was Adams who led the way, navigating through the COVID years.

He said that, through the efforts of dedicated volunteers and parents, they were able to keep Pack 233 afloat while several other packs in the area saw themselves dissolve during the pandemic.

As C.J., now a junior at Central Hardin High School, grew older and advanced to Boy Scouts, Chris followed, joining the troop committee, becoming an assistant scout master, and then scout master last year.

"C.J. is also in the Order of the Arrow, which is scouting's National Honor

Society," Chris said. "I got into that with him, as well. I'm currently serving as Chapter Advisor for the Lincoln Trail District."

That district consists of Hardin, LaRue, Meade, Breckinridge, Nelson and Washington counties.

Not many weekends are open for Chris. Practically every weekend, there is something scout-related – meetings of some kind, camping, elections and now the recognition dinner for the Silver Beaver.

"That's pretty much how things run around here," Chris said.

His wife, Victoria, is a nurse and works every third weekend, so family events are planned around her schedule.

His busy scouting plans do offer some perks. She gets some quality, quiet time during

camping weekends and the summer camps.

"She enjoys that," Chris said, with a laugh.

Youngest son, Casey, a seventh-grader at East Hardin Middle School, is also into scouting.

In Cub Scouts, Chris says it is about teaching what the program is all about and offering a foothold.

Boy Scouts allows the older scouts to teach while the leaders provide what he said is "like a guardrail – and they are the role models."

Chris is wholeheartedly a proponent of scouting, as he says it promotes leadership development, teaches levels of citizenship, and personal management – things that will help them become a successful adult.

"It's one of the things that shaped my life the most."

HEAD START

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storm when staff recognized how the weight of the ice and snow impacted the building's structural integrity.

Head Start officials are working with families to provide placements for their children. Akin continues working with community partners

to find solutions for temporary classroom space and other accommodations, the news release said.

"These interior repairs are necessary to return essential Head Start services to Radcliff," said Bryan Conover, CKCAC executive director. "By ensuring our Radcliff Head Start facility is safe, we are upholding our commitment to help Central Kentucky families prepare their children, ages birth to 5, for success

in school and life by enhancing their cognitive, social and emotional development."

To commence the repairs, CKCAC is seeking sealed bids from professional, qualified general contractors who are committed to high-quality craftsmanship and community service. This project is vital to restoring the center and continuing CKCAC's mission to provide a safe, high-standard environment for the families and children served by the

Head Start program.

CKCAC held an optional pre-bid meeting Tuesday and has a second one scheduled for 9 a.m. Monday at the building.

General contractors must submit a letter of intent to receive the full RFP documentation packet, which includes the bid application, detailed scope of work and a recent engineering report.

The deadline to submit a letter of intent is Friday, March 13. Letters

should be directed to Bryan Conover, executive director, via email at bryan.conover@ckcac.org.

Bids will be opened and read during a public meeting held at noon April 17 at CKCAC's office, 332 Hood Ave. in Lebanon.

While bids will be disclosed publicly, no final decision will be made during the meeting. CKCAC intends to have the selection process finalized and the winning bidder under contract by May 1.

TODAY

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in power.

IN 1963, country music performers Patsy Cline, Cowboy Copas and

Hawkshaw Hawkins died in the crash of their plane, a Piper Comanche, near Camden, Tennessee, along with pilot Randy Hughes, Cline's manager.

IN 1979, NASA's Voyager 1 space probe made its closest approach to Jupiter, sending back photographs of the planet and its moons.

IN 2004, Martha Stewart was convicted in New York of conspiracy, obstructing justice and lying to the government about why she'd sold her Imclone Systems stock just before the stock's price plummeted; her ex-stockbroke also was found guilty. Each later received a five-month prison sentence.

IN 2022, a promised ceasefire in the Ukrainian port city of Mariupol collapsed amid scenes of terror in the besieged town.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Actor Fred Williamson is 88. Magician Penn Jillette is 71. Actor Adriana Barraza is 70. Football Hall of Famer

Michael Irvin is 60. Actor-comedian Asaf Mandvi is 60. Rock musician John Frusciante (Red Hot Chili Peppers) is 56. Actor Eva Mendes is 52. Model Niki Taylor is 51. Singer-songwriter Amanda Shires is 44. Model Taylor Hill is 30. Singer Madison Beer is 27. Country singer Gabby Barrett is 26.

JAIL

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LaRue Circuit Judge Charles C. Simms III accepted the seven-year plea recommendation in January 2024.

Wolford was assigned to the Southeast State Correctional Complex to serve

out his sentence.

Because he received credit for the time served in LaRue County prior to his conviction, the Kentucky Online Offender Lookup states that Wolford was expected to be released on Aug. 1, 2026. He was, instead, released on Dec. 1, 2025, reportedly due to Kentucky's Mandatory Reentry Supervision program, which requires the

Department of Corrections release inmates who have not been granted parole six months before the end of their sentence for supervision.

Wolford was subject to specific conditions set for paroled inmates, including employment, refrain from drug or alcohol use, regularly report to a parole officer and

not commit any further criminal acts.

Slightly more than two months after his release from prison, Wolford was arrested by the Kentucky Probation & Parole Board for violating his parole Feb. 18. Specifics of the violation were not made public.

Wolford is lodged in the Bullitt County Detention Center.

COMMUNITY

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4 p.m., Bernheim Forest, 2075 Clermont Road, Clermont. Offered the first and third Saturday of each month, weather permitting, ECO Kids — "Every Child Outside" — invites children and caregivers to connect with nature through hands-on discovery stations, pop-up story circles and a guided hike of the day. Free program; \$15 suggested admission for nonmembers. POC: bernheim.org/series/eco-kids-discovery-day/.

Open Door Community Kitchen free meal, 4:30-6 p.m., Vine Grove United Methodist Church, 306 High St., Vine

Grove. POC: Dan Paddock, 270-945-4997 or 270-877-5231.

MONDAY

Lincoln Trail Chapter of the Kentucky Public Retirees meeting, 11:30 a.m., Golden Corral, 1835 N. Dixie Ave., E'town. Guest speakers will be Elizabethtown Mayor Jeff Gregory and City Spokesperson Amy Inman, who will talk about the city's current efforts to tackle homelessness. Retirees and spouses receiving retirement benefits from KERS, CERS, OR SPRS are welcome. Membership information available at the meeting or at kentuckypublicretirees.org. POC: Sandy Allen, 270-307-0061.

Murder, Mystery and Mayhem Book Club, noon-1 p.m. in Radcliff. Register by

noon the Wednesday prior to the meeting at forms.gle/xs3jsa1Mw2GgJ8o57. This month's selection, "Bone Black" by bell hooks. POC: 270-769-6337.

Games for Grownups, 1-3 p.m., Hardin County Public Library, 100 Jim Owen Drive, E'town. Games available or bring a game to share. Bring food and eat lunch while you play. POC: 270-769-6337.

Elizabethtown City Council meeting, 4:30 p.m., Council Chambers, 212 W. Dixie Ave., E'town. POC: 270-765-6121.

Celebrate Recovery, 6 p.m., St. Stephen Baptist Church, 757 S. Woodland Drive, Radcliff. Connection time starts at 5:15 p.m. Find help, hope and healing for your hurts, hang-ups and habits. POC: Richard Lockette, 270-401-7400.