

With Blue Oval plant closure looming, Glendale asks 'what now?'

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GLENDALE, Ky. — As the town counts down to the Feb. 14 shutdown of the BlueOval SK plant, Mike Bell, an organizer of the town’s annual Crossing Fest and preacher at Glendale Christian Church, says reality is still sinking in for many of the townspeople.

“I really hurt for them,” Bell said. “You want success for your neighbors.”

Ford Motor Co. plans to retool the Glendale facility from an EV battery plant to a storage battery plant, resulting in layoffs for about 1,600 workers, announced prior to Christmas. Ford plans to hire at least 2,100 workers at the plant after the transition and invest about \$2 billion over the next two years. But details of those plans are still scarce and any reopening of the plant is not expected until sometime in 2027 at the soonest.

BlueOval SK has kept Glendale humming since the South Korea-based manufacturer announced plans to locate there in September 2021,

along with a \$5.8 billion investment in Kentucky battery plants.

The economic “trickle down” was felt there almost immediately, Bell said.

For starters, the town’s fall festival operated without a major financial sponsor until BlueOval SK stepped up in 2021 and begin donating \$10,000 annually to the event.

“They were the breath of the festival,” said Bell, who indicated that the plant’s annual donation has covered the entire cost of the festival for the past four years, with enough money left over to purchase new playground equipment for the town’s park and uniforms for its youth athletic teams.

A \$20,000 donation from Blue Oval SK helped renovate the town’s gazebo a few years ago, while contractors for the company paved the town’s sidewalks to make them more accessible for those with mobility issues.

Glendale’s volunteer fire department also has benefited from the plant’s philanthropy in the past years, Bell said.

Donations from Blue Oval SK sometimes helped double its annual operating budget.

“There’s a lot of moving parts,” Bell said, describing how the plant has helped the town’s operations run like a well-oiled machine for many years. “If one of those parts breaks, it’s the domino effect.”

On Friday afternoon, staff and customers at The Whistle Stop in Glendale said they were unsure what the local plant closure could mean for the eatery and the handful of other small retailers along the town’s main corridor. Most at the café remembered just a few years ago when the highways in the area were expanded to accommodate the growing traffic from the plant.

Now, the future of Glendale is in flux.

While Bell said plant officials haven’t met with the town since the closure was announced earlier this month, he said Friday that he’s “optimistic” Ford will step up and be a team player in the community.

UK researchers awarded grant linking social services through public libraries

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Researchers from the University of Kentucky received a three-year grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to expand access to social services through public libraries.

Yongkok Choi, Ph.D., director of the School of Information Science; Brian Real, Ph.D., assistant professor in the School of Information Science; and Matt Moore, Ph.D., associate professor and associate dean of academic and student affairs in the College of Social Work, received the funding for their project called “Strengthening

social service: Curriculum development and practicum in public libraries.”

Public libraries play a role as community hubs, offering services that respond to local needs. In recent years, many libraries have expanded their reach by hiring social workers to address growing social challenges. This partnership between librarians and social workers not only enhances community services but also highlights the power of collaboration between the two fields.

“Our project aims to create a new educational pathway for graduate students, empowering them to lead community-based initiatives and strengthen our

neighborhoods,” Choi said.

The grant proposal reflected the teamwork and innovation that make such collaborations possible.

Choi, Moore and Real received internal funding and \$422,686 from the IMLS Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program for a total of \$600,000 to support this project. The School of Information Science and College of Social Work research team will develop and implement a new specialized graduate pathway that integrates core social work principles with library practice. Graduate students from both

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USPS to honor Ali with Forever stamps

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

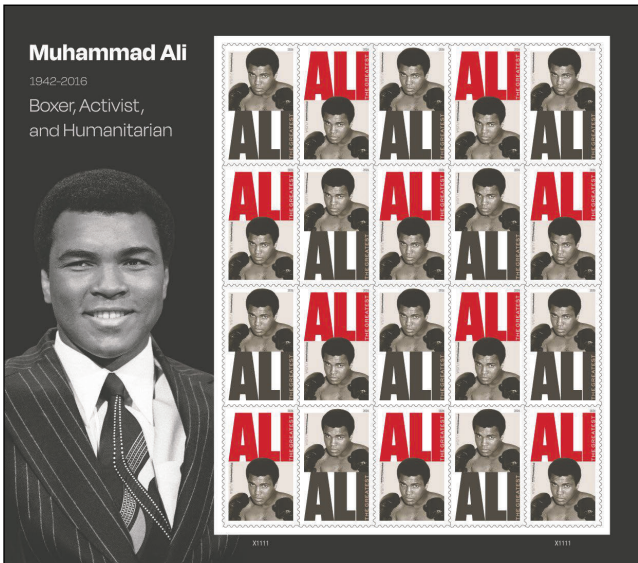
Known as “The Greatest,” Muhammad Ali (1942-2016) was a three-time heavyweight boxing champion.

To honor the legacy of the boxing champion and humanitarian and Civil Rights icon, the U.S. Postal Service is introducing Muhammad Ali on a Forever stamp, a news release from USPS said.

In his life, he challenged the best fighters in the world — and the world itself. At a time when African Americans fought to have a voice, he spoke loud and clear about his beliefs, defying expectations and empowering people around the world on his way to becoming a globally celebrated cultural icon.

Ali’s influence extended far beyond the ring. He used his platform to stand for peace, faith and justice, emerging as a global symbol of courage and compassion. His humanitarian work spanned continents — supporting medical relief, feeding the hungry and speaking up for those in need.

In 1998, he was named a United Nations Messenger of Peace, and in 2005, he received the Presidential Medal of



USPS

The U.S. Postal Service is introducing Muhammad Ali on a Forever stamp. The unveiling ceremony for the stamp is Jan. 15 in Louisville.

Freedom, the nation’s highest civilian honor. That same year, Muhammad and his wife, Lonnie, founded the Muhammad Ali Center in his hometown of Louisville.

Muhammad Ali’s life was defined not only by his victories, but by his conviction, generosity and enduring belief in the power of love and humanity, the release said. His spirit continues to inspire people everywhere, and his legacy

lives on as “The Greatest” and will be carried on the Forever stamp in his honor.

The Muhammad Ali stamps unveiling ceremony is Jan. 15 at the L & N Federal Credit Union Stadium, Angel’s Envy Bourbon Club in Louisville.

USPS printed 22 million Muhammad Ali stamps.

Customers can preorder Muhammad Ali stamps on usps.com and they will be shipped on Jan. 15.

STEIN

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Odom will be an assistant defensive backs coach.

Part of the reason why UK can bring in so many assistants is because of the money saved in how they negotiated former coach Mark Stoops’s dismissal. Instead of paying his full \$37 million buyout all at once, UK will owe Stoops \$6.75 million annually until 2031. Stoops was previously slated to make \$9 million per year as the Cats’ head coach.

Stein’s contract is a five-year,

\$28.5 million deal starting at \$5.5 million in 2026.


Under Stoops, UK’s assistant coaches’ salaries reached nearly \$7.5 million, while Stein’s group is younger overall and expected to fetch a smaller purse.

With Stein still set to call plays for Oregon through the Ducks’ College Football Playoff run, he’ll be counting on his slew of assistants to establish relationships and help build the roster for when the transfer

portal opens in January.

As the college football landscape continues to change, Stein is staying flexible — and taking advantage of every opportunity.

“To me, the best trait of a college football coach now is adaptability,” he said. “We got to adapt. If you all are still saying, ‘I wish it was like the old days,’ it ain’t the olden days. It’s not. Get that out of your mind. Let’s push forward. Let’s move forward in this process.”



LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
UNIFIED COURT OF JUSTICE
CARROLL CIRCUIT COURT
Civil Action No. 24-CI-00021

NEWREZ LLC PLAINTIFF
D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING
VS. NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE
Electronically Filed
UNKNOWN HEIRS/DEWISEES/LEGATEES/ DEFENDANTS
BENEFICIARIES OF ELIZABETH A. PEELMAN, ET AL.

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Carroll Circuit Court on the 8th day of December, 2025, I will sell at public auction on the front steps (south door facing Highland Avenue) of the Carroll County Courthouse, 440 Main Street, Carrollton, Kentucky, the property described herein located in Carroll County, Kentucky, on FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2026, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., prevailing time, and more particularly described as follows:
Property address: 610 Hawkins Street, Carrollton, KY 41008
Map ID #: C2-11-26

Being the same property conveyed to Leslie Peelman and Elizabeth Ann Chilton, n/k/a Elizabeth A. Peelman, husband and wife, from Elizabeth Ann Chilton Meadows, n/k/a Elizabeth Ann Chilton, a now married woman, by Deed dated March 25, 2005, of record in Deed Book 163, Page 426, in the Office of the Carroll County Court Clerk.

THERE IS NO MOBILE HOME, DOUBLEWIDE AND/OR MANUFACTURED HOME INCLUDED IN THIS SALE.

The amount of money to be raised by this sale is the sum of \$37,953.89, with accrued interest thereon from June 1, 2023, in the amount of \$5,179.91, as of June 9, 2025, and with interest continuing to accrue from June 9, 2025, at the rate of \$7.02 per day or 6.75% per annum until fully paid, together with late charges, amounts advanced by Plaintiff for taxes and insurance and other charges and costs, including reasonable attorneys fees and court costs of \$12,063.23, for a total of \$60,753.45.


The real estate shall be sold on the terms of ten (10%) percent cash at the time of the sale, except that said deposit shall be waived if the Plaintiff is the successful bidder at the sale, and the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days bearing interest at the rate the judgment bears per annum from date of sale. When the purchase price is paid in full, the deed will be delivered to the purchaser. It is further provided that the property sold includes insurable improvements and the successful bidder at said sale shall, at bidder's own expense, carry fire and extended insurance coverage on said improvements from the date of sale until the purchase price is fully paid, to the extent of the Court appraised value of said improvements or the unpaid balance of the purchase price whichever is less, as a minimum, with a loss payable clause to the Commissioner of the Carroll Circuit Court or the Plaintiff herein. Failure of the purchaser to effect such insurance shall not affect the validity of the sale or the purchaser's liability thereunder, but shall entitle, but not require, the Plaintiff NewRez LLC, DBA Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, to effect said insurance and furnish the policy or evidence thereof to the Commissioner if it so desires, and the premium thereon or the proper portion thereof shall be charged to the purchaser as purchaser's costs.

The aforesaid property shall be sold free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, except the following:

- All unpaid state, county and city real estate taxes for the year 2025;
- Easements, restrictions, and stipulations of record;
- Assessments for public improvements levied against the property; and,
- Any facts which an inspection and/or accurate survey of the property may disclose.

For further information, see the Final Judgment and Order of Sale and pleadings of record in the Office of the Circuit Court of Carroll County.

/s/ Jake A. Thompson
JAKE A. THOMPSON
MASTER COMMISSIONER
CARROLL CIRCUIT COURT



LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
UNIFIED COURT OF JUSTICE
CARROLL CIRCUIT COURT
Civil Action No. 25-CI-00061

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC PLAINTIFF
VS. NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE
Electronically Filed
NEIL H. HAMBRICK, DEFENDANTS
CARRIE HAMBRICK,
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING
THROUGH THE RURAL HOUSING SERVICE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Carroll Circuit Court on the 8th day of December, 2025, I will sell at public auction on the front steps (south door facing Highland Avenue) of the Carroll County Courthouse, 440 Main Street, Carrollton, Kentucky, the property described herein located in Carroll County, Kentucky, on FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2026, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., prevailing time, and more particularly described as follows:
Property address: 816 Butler Street, Carrollton, KY 41008
Map ID#: C2-20-14

Being the same property conveyed to Neil H. Hambrick, single, from Brian Hampshire and Sarah Hampshire, husband and wife, by Deed dated July 2, 2014, of record in Deed Book 194, Page 670, in the Office of the Carroll County Court Clerk.

THERE IS NO MOBILE HOME, DOUBLEWIDE AND/OR MANUFACTURED HOME INCLUDED IN THIS SALE.

The amount of money to be raised by this sale is the sum of \$58,078.82, with accrued interest in the amount of \$1,906.69, as of November 5, 2025, and with interest continuing to accrue from November 5, 2025, at the rate of 3.00% percent until fully paid, plus late charges of \$41.56; Hazard Insurance disbursements of \$13,756.04; Tax disbursements of \$9,229.04; Property Inspections of \$240.00; MIP/PMI Insurance of \$2,970.83; an escrow credit applied of -\$24,435.58, reasonable attorneys fees of \$4,250.00; and court costs of \$775.57; for a total amount of \$66,812.97.


The real estate shall be sold on the terms of ten (10%) percent cash at the time of the sale, except that said deposit shall be waived if the Plaintiff is the successful bidder at the sale, and the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days bearing interest at the rate the judgment bears per annum from date of sale. When the purchase price is paid in full, the deed will be delivered to the purchaser. It is further provided that the property sold includes insurable improvements and the successful bidder at said sale shall, at bidder's own expense, carry fire and extended insurance coverage on said improvements from the date of sale until the purchase price is fully paid, to the extent of the Court appraised value of said improvements or the unpaid balance of the purchase price whichever is less, as a minimum, with a loss payable clause to the Commissioner of the Carroll Circuit Court or the Plaintiff herein. Failure of the purchaser to effect such insurance shall not affect the validity of the sale or the purchaser's liability thereunder, but shall entitle, but not require, the Plaintiff PennyMac Loan Servies, LLC, to effect said insurance and furnish the policy or evidence thereof to the Commissioner if it so desires, and the premium thereon or the proper portion thereof shall be charged to the purchaser as purchaser's costs.

The aforesaid property shall be sold free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, except the following:

- All unpaid state, county and city real estate taxes for the year 2025;
- Easements, restrictions, and stipulations of record;
- Assessments for public improvements levied against the property; and,
- Any facts which an inspection and/or accurate survey of the property may disclose.

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/s/ Jake A. Thompson
JAKE A. THOMPSON
MASTER COMMISSIONER
CARROLL CIRCUIT COURT



LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
UNIFIED COURT OF JUSTICE
CARROLL CIRCUIT COURT
Civil Action No. 23-CI-00171

KENTUCKY HOUSING CORPORATION PLAINTIFF
VS. NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE
Electronically Filed
BRIDGETT D. VICKROY DEFENDANTS
UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF BRIDGETT D. VICKROY
KARI WILLIAMS, AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE
ESTATE OF MARIAN FRANCES WILLIAMS
KARI WILLIAMS, INDIVIDUALLY
UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF KARI WILLIAMS
UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEWISEES, AND LEGATEES
OF MARIAN FRANCES WILLIAMS
UNKNOWN SPOUSES, IF ANY, OF THE UNKNOWN
HEIRS, DEWISEES, AND LEGATEES OF
MARIAN FRANCES WILLIAMS
UNKNOWN DEFENDANTS, ANY PERSON OR ENTITY
WHO MAY BE CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN
104 MOJAVE TERRACE, CARROLLTON KY 41008
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING THROUGH
THE RURAL HOUSING SERVICE (AND ITS SUCCESSORS)

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Carroll Circuit Court on the 8th day of Deember, 2025, I will sell at public auction on the front steps (south door facing Highland Avenue) of the Carroll County Courthouse, 440 Main Street, Carrollton, Kentucky, the property described herein located in Carroll County, Kentucky, on FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2026, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., prevailing time, and more particularly described as follows:
Property address: 104 Mojave Tr, Carrollton, KY 41008
Map ID #: 23-23A-84

Being the same property conveyed to Bridgett D. Vickroy, unmarried, from Joshua Bickers, a/k/a Joshua Kevin Bickers, unmarried, by Deed dated May 13, 2022, of record in Deed Book 224, Page 67, in the Office of the Carroll County Court Clerk.

THERE IS NO MOBILE HOME, DOUBLEWIDE AND/OR MANUFACTURED HOME INCLUDED IN THIS SALE.

The amount of money to be raised by this sale is the sum of \$239,914.08, with interest on the principal sum at the rate of 4.75% per annum from November 1, 2022, until fully paid, together with late fees, costs, reasonable attorneys fees and other advances made.

The real estate shall be sold on the terms of ten (10%) percent cash at the time of the sale, except that said deposit shall be waived if the Plaintiff is the successful bidder at the sale, and the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days bearing interest at the rate the judgment bears per annum from date of sale. When the purchase price is paid in full, the deed will be delivered to the purchaser. It is further provided that the property sold includes insurable improvements and the successful bidder at said sale shall, at bidder's own expense, carry fire and extended insurance coverage on said improvements from the date of sale until the purchase price is fully paid, to the extent of the Court appraised value of said improvements or the unpaid balance of the purchase price whichever is less, as a minimum, with a loss payable clause to the Commissioner of the Carroll Circuit Court or the Plaintiff herein. Failure of the purchaser to effect such insurance shall not affect the validity of the sale or the purchaser's liability thereunder, but shall entitle, but not require, the Plaintiff Kentucky Housing Corporation, to effect said insurance and furnish the policy or evidence thereof to the Commissioner if it so desires, and the premium thereon or the proper portion thereof shall be charged to the purchaser as purchaser's costs.

The aforesaid property shall be sold free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, except the following:

- All unpaid state, county and city real estate taxes for the year 2025;
- Easements, restrictions, and stipulations of record;
- Assessments for public improvements levied against the property; and,
- Any facts which an inspection and/or accurate survey of the property may disclose.

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/s/ Jake A. Thompson
JAKE A. THOMPSON
MASTER COMMISSIONER
CARROLL CIRCUIT COURT