

# Trump turns America 250 kickoff into rally-style event

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump sees America's 250th anniversary as a chance to get the country excited again — about Donald Trump.

The president is hosting a rally Wednesday on the National Mall in Washington. He has said it will be replete with a military flyover by stealth bombers, military bands, singer Lee Greenwood of "God Bless the USA" fame and a speech by Trump.

It comes as Trump works to convince Americans ahead of critical November midterm elections that he's put the unpopular Iran war in the rearview mirror, with oil prices easing as the Strait of Hormuz has started to reopen in the wake of an interim deal to end the war with Tehran.

The rally is designed to kick off weeks of celebrations about America and its 1776 founding as part of "The Great American State Fair" on the mall, the national park that stretches from the U.S. Capitol to the Lincoln Memorial.

But Trump's appearance onstage was only announced after several musicians — including Young MC, Martina McBride and the Commodores — canceled their concerts because of concerns the event had become politicized. The president stepped into the void as he hyped his own ability to command a crowd.

"I am thinking about bringing the Number One Attraction anywhere in the World, the man who gets much larger audiences than Elvis in his prime, and he does so without a guitar, the man who loves our Country more than anyone else, and the man who some say is the Greatest President in History," Trump posted on social media about his plan to be the event's headliner.

In a video posted Monday night, he said the event would be "the

biggest rally we've ever had," and declared: "It's our music, our playlist. We don't have a lot of people boring you with songs you don't want to hear. We have the hottest people."

Tuesday afternoon, country singer Alexis Wilkins, the longtime girlfriend of FBI Director Kash Patel, posted on X that she would be performing at Wednesday's event.

## TRUMP IS PRESSING THE CASE THAT HE'S MADE AMERICA BETTER

Trump has struggled to deliver the presidency that he advertised to voters — causing his approval rating to dwell at a low 37%, according to the most recent Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research polling.

Democrats say his botched repairs to the Lincoln Memorial reflecting pool and the resulting algae outbreak are a sign that he's spending taxpayer money on vanity projects instead of the nation's legacy.

Rep. Jared Huffman, D-Calif., said the Trump-affiliated group organizing the 250th anniversary was selling access to special interests and redrafting the nation's founding to the president's liking, based on documents he presented at a congressional hearing earlier this year.

"It should be about bringing us together," Huffman said. "He's trying to make this 250th celebration all about him."

Trump's fondness for showmanship has not been a match for public anxiety about his presidency. Only 33% of U.S. adults approve of his economic leadership, with favorability at 40% on immigration and 34% on Iran.

"It's clear that Trump's preoccupations in his second term — from Iran to the Washington reflecting pool — are not those of most members of his base, let alone other Americans," said Daniel Treisman, a politics professor at the University of California, Los Angeles. "That



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President Donald Trump dances on stage at a Mack Trucks facility on Tuesday, June 23 in Macungie, Pa.

explains his unusually low approval ratings."

## TRUMP'S RALLIES CAN ONLY HELP HIM SO MUCH WITHOUT CONCRETE IMPROVEMENTS ON INFLATION

Inflation is still higher than what Trump inherited and it has been outpacing wage growth. The budget deficit remains on a path upward that keeps interest rates high. Investments in artificial intelligence are driving growth, but they come

with fears of middle-class job losses such that the construction of data centers needed for America's tech economy have become controversial politically.

Trump has fueled dramas over tariffs, NATO, immigration, ownership of Greenland and his own renovations of iconic buildings and monuments in Washington — generating a flood of controversy that has pushed things the administration sees as accomplishments — such as the capture of Venezuela's former leader Nicolás

Maduro — off the public radar.

James Snyder, a Harvard University professor, has partnered on research showing that past rallies have helped Trump turn out his supporters to vote, in the short-term. But he noted that Wednesday's rally comes more than four months before the November midterm elections, and is unlikely to have a politically strategic benefit for Republicans.

"I would not expect that the rally would have any clear effect on the 2026 midterm elections," Snyder said.

# Pope Leo XIV's homilies now available in English

BY HILLEL ITALIE  
AP NATIONAL WRITER

NEW YORK — A collection of early public writings by the future Pope Leo XIV will be published this fall for the first time in English.

"Freedom Under Grace: Reflections on the Spiritual Tradition That Formed Me"

an imprint of the Penguin Random House Christian Publishing Group.

Released in Italian by the Vatican Publishing House earlier this year, "Freedom from Grace" features homilies, addresses and other works by Robert Prevost, when he was prior general of the Order of Saint

into the spiritual depth and vision of the man who would eventually become Pope Leo, with an urgent message of

today," Campbell Wharton, senior vice president and publisher of Penguin Random House Christian, said in a

also any Christian or spiritual seeker looking for guidance and hope for living a life that



## LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
UNIFIED COURT OF JUSTICE  
OWEN CIRCUIT COURT  
CIVIL ACTION # 26-CI-00004

KENTUCKY HOUSING CORPORATION

PLAINTIFF

VS.

LANE J. WHITE, ETAL.

DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered in the Owen Circuit Court on the 9th day of June, 2026, I will sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder on the front steps of the Owen County Courthouse, 100 North Thomas Street, Owenton, Kentucky at the hour of 10:00, a.m. on Saturday, July 11, 2026, the following described property:

Lots 12, 13, 14 and 18 in Block K in Eagle Creek Subdivision as shown on the plat of Block K of record in Plat Cabinet 1, Slide 119, and being the same property conveyed and described in Deed Book 276, page 90, all in the Owen County Clerk's Office. Included in this sale is a 2003 manufactured home, the title to which was converted to real property in Misc. Book 6, page 290. Property Address: 31 Finch Lane, Worthville, KY 41098 Map I.D.#: 001-30-11-013.00; 001-30-11-012.00

The amount of money to be raised and for which this sale is being made is the sum of \$140,238.18 adjudged due to plaintiff on its first lien on the property, together with interest thereon at the rate of 6.875% per annum, from July 1, 2025 until paid, plus court costs and attorney's fees of \$3,900.00.

The real estate shall be sold on the terms of 10% cash at the time of the sale, with the balance payable within 30 days, except that the deposit shall be waived if plaintiff is the successful bidder. Any purchaser, other than the plaintiff shall be required to execute bond, with surety thereon acceptable to the Master Commissioner, to secure the unpaid balance of the purchase price, and said bond shall bear interest at the rate of 6.875% per annum from the date of the sale until paid, and shall have the same force and effect as a judgment and shall remain and be a lien on the property until paid. The purchaser shall have the privilege of paying all or part of the balance of the purchase price prior to the 30 day period.

It is further provided that the property sold contains insurable improvements and the successful bidder at said sale shall, at bidder's expense, procure a policy of fire and extended insurance coverage on said improvements in the amount of the appraised value, or the unpaid balance of the purchase price, whichever is less, as a minimum, with a loss payable clause to the Commissioner of the Owen 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 to effect said insurance and furnish the policy, or evidence thereof to the Commissioner if it so desires, and the premium thereon or a proper portion thereof shall be charged to the purchaser as purchaser's cost.


When the purchase price is paid in full, title will be conveyed to the purchaser by commissioner's deed.

The aforesaid real property shall be sold free and clear of any and all liens and claims except the following:

- a. All State and County real estate taxes payable on the property for 2026 and thereafter;
- b. Easements, restrictions and stipulations of record;
- c. Assessments for public improvements levied against the property;
- d. Any facts which an inspection and accurate survey of the property may disclose.

For further information, see the Judgment, Order and pleadings of record in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Owen County.

/s/ Mark R. Cobb  
MARK R. COBB  
MASTER COMMISSIONER  
OWEN CIRCUIT COURT



## LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
UNIFIED COURT OF JUSTICE  
OWEN CIRCUIT COURT  
CIVIL ACTION # 22-CI-00071

NEWREZ LLC, d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing

PLAINTIFF

VS.

GARY ROWE, JR., ETAL.

DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered in the Owen Circuit Court on the 13th day of January, 2026, I will sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder on the front steps of the Owen County Courthouse, 100 North Thomas Street, Owenton, Kentucky at the hour of 10:00, a.m. on Saturday, July 11, 2026, the following described property:

Lots 1 and 2 in Leaning Oaks Estates, Section One, as shown on the plat of said subdivision of record in Plat Cabinet 1, Slide 210, and being conveyed in Deed Book 256, page 460 in the Owen County Clerk's Office. Reference to said plat is made in aid of this description.

Included in this sale is a 2000 Fleetwood, Stoneridge manufactured home, Title No. 182180940015, Serial No. TNFLX27AB20767SRI which is located on and affixed to the real property, the title to which has been converted to real estate by affidavit of record in Misc. Book 5, page 326 in the Owen County Clerk's Office.

Being the same property conveyed to Gary Rowe, Jr., unmarried, by virtue of a deed from Mary F. House, widowed and unmarried, dated May 28, 2019, recorded June 3, 2019 in Deed Book 256, page 460 in the Owen County, Kentucky records.

Address: 3084 Leaning Oak Road, Corinth, Kentucky 41010 Parcel ID: 106-00-00-023.00

The amount of money to be raised and for which this sale is being made is the sum of \$105,344.55 adjudged due to plaintiff on its first lien on the property, together with interest thereon at the rate of 2.75% per annum, from November 1, 2021, until paid, plus court costs and attorneys fees.

The real estate shall be sold on the terms of 10% cash at the time of the sale, with the balance payable within 30 days, except that the deposit shall be waived if plaintiff is the successful bidder. Any purchaser, other than the plaintiff shall be required to execute bond, with surety thereon acceptable to the Master Commissioner, to secure the unpaid balance of the purchase price, and said bond shall bear interest at the rate of 2.75% per annum from the date of the sale until paid, and shall have the same force and effect as a judgment and shall remain and be a lien on the property until paid. The purchaser shall have the privilege of paying all or part of the balance of the purchase price prior to the 30 day period.

It is further provided that the property sold contains insurable improvements and the successful bidder at said sale shall, at bidder's expense, procure a policy of fire and extended insurance coverage on said improvements in the amount of the appraised value, or the unpaid balance of the purchase price, whichever is less, as a minimum, with a loss payable clause to the Commissioner of the Owen 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 to effect said insurance and furnish the policy, or evidence thereof to the Commissioner if it so desires, and the premium thereon or a proper portion thereof shall be charged to the purchaser as purchaser's cost.


When the purchase price is paid in full, title will be conveyed to the purchaser by commissioner's deed.

The aforesaid real property shall be sold free and clear of any and all liens and claims except the following:

- a. All State and County real estate taxes payable on the property for 2026 and thereafter;
- b. Easements, restrictions and stipulations of record;
- c. Assessments for public improvements levied against the property;
- d. Any facts which an inspection and accurate survey of the property may disclose.

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/s/ Mark R. Cobb  
MARK R. COBB  
MASTER COMMISSIONER  
OWEN CIRCUIT COURT



## LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
UNIFIED COURT OF JUSTICE  
OWEN CIRCUIT COURT  
CIVIL ACTION # 25-CI-00175

FIFTH THIRD BANK, N.A.

PLAINTIFF

VS.

BRENDIE WARREN

DEFENDANTS

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Lot No. 2 in the resubdivision of Lots 5, 6, 7 and 8 in Block A of Parkway Addition to the City of Owenton, Owen County, Kentucky, described as follows:

Beginning at the northwest corner of Lot No. 1 in the resubdivision (Gary A. and Clara Burford) on the south side of Botts Street; thence with the south side of Botts Street N 81° 17' 65.0 feet to the northeast corner of Lot No. 3 in the resubdivision; thence with the east line of said Lot No. 3 S 8° 54' W 150 feet to the southeast corner of Lot N. 3, also corner to Lot No. 4; thence with the north line of said Lot No. 4 S 81° 17' E 65.0 feet to the southwest corner of Lot No. 1; N 8° 54' E 150 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.22 acres, more or less. Also shown on plat in Plat Cabinet 1, Slides 205 and 206 in the Owen County Clerk's Office.

Being the same property conveyed to Brendie Warren by deed dated July 18, 2022 and recorded in Deed Book 268, page 163 in the Owen County Clerk's Office./s/ Mark R. Cobb Property Address: 106 Botts St. Owenton, Kentucky 40359 Parcel No.: 061-20-00-065.05

The amount of money to be raised and for which this sale is being made is the sum of \$94,980.14 adjudged due to plaintiff on its first lien on the property, together with interest thereon at the rate of 5.1250% per day, from November 13, 2025, until paid, plus court costs and attorneys fees.

The real estate shall be sold on the terms of 10% cash at the time of the sale, with the balance payable within 30 days, except that the deposit shall be waived if plaintiff is the successful bidder. Any purchaser, other than the plaintiff shall be required to execute bond, with surety thereon acceptable to the Master Commissioner, to secure the unpaid balance of the purchase price, and said bond shall bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date of the sale until paid, and shall have the same force and effect as a judgment and shall remain and be a lien on the property until paid. The purchaser shall have the privilege of paying all or part of the balance of the purchase price prior to the 30 day period.

It is further provided that the property sold contains insurable improvements and the successful bidder at said sale shall, at bidder's expense, procure a policy of fire and extended insurance coverage on said improvements in the amount of the appraised value, or the unpaid balance of the purchase price, whichever is less, as a minimum, with a loss payable clause to the Commissioner of the Owen 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 to effect said insurance and furnish the policy, or evidence thereof to the Commissioner if it so desires, and the premium thereon or a proper portion thereof shall be charged to the purchaser as purchaser's cost.

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