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Judge Reagan Taylor leaning in to give Leighton Foley, Childrens Champion Billboard contest winner after he read that March 5th would be proclaimed "Leighton Foley Day," by Madison County for the achievement.

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The event spotlighted Leighton Foley, a talented student who was named the winner of the 2025 Billboard Contest. In recognition of her achievement, Madison County designated March 5, 2026, as "Leighton Foley Day," underscoring her inspiring contribution to the cause.

Judge Taylor expressed pride in the event, noting the importance of nurturing young talent and promoting positive development. "Children are our future, and it's crucial that we support their growth and creativity," he said. During the visit, Taylor also presented a proclamation honoring the significance of protecting and fostering a healthy environment for children.

In addition to recognizing Foley's artistic talent, community leaders and Kiwanis Club members presented her with a check as well as her teacher. Phillis Adams, president of the Children's Champion program, presented Foley with framed copies of her drawing, emphasizing the importance of encouraging children's expression.

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Phillis Adams, president of Children's Champion program. speaking on what it means.

Elementary Venessa Coner-Cromer, who spoke passionately about the event, praised Foley's artistic abilities and her role as an inspiration to her peers. "Leighton's creativity and dedication are truly remarkable," she said. "We're proud to support her and all our students in their efforts to succeed."

The celebration also highlighted the broader goal of fostering a nurturing environment for children through community involvement. "Throughout

March, we encourage everyone to become Children's Champions," Adams added. "Supporting our young people helps them grow, learn, and make healthy choices."

As part of the festivities, the school displayed Foley's artwork, which will also be showcased on a digital billboard by Kroger.

Taylor told the register, "I love any chance we can make it about the kids, they see the adults always handling things and I think it's great to show them that they are con-

tributing to the community and celebrate them." The day's events reinforced the county's commitment to children's well-being and development, reminding everyone that nurturing young talent is an investment in the community's future.

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emotions, trying to make us angry or scared so we don't think straight.

We tend to dismiss these flaws because we gravitate toward sites that align with our own views instead of seeking out other evidence-based theories, arguments or discussions. And, of course AI com-

plicates any effort to distinguish fact from fiction since it can create conversations and scenes that never actually existed.

Websites, blogs and even what looks like reputable magazines and newspapers, but aren't, can be full of misinformation, anonymous authors, and hoaxes, so we have to stay diligent in comparing, evaluating and drawing our own conclusions.

If you need some help with checking claims, comments and conspiracies, you can always consult credible, non-partisan sites like: Snopes, PolitiFact or FactCheck.org which have been deemed "reliable."

But it's up to all of us, individually, to seek the truth about what's happening around us and to react in a well-informed way at home, at work and at the voting booth.



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FILE — Kentucky athletic sirector Mitch Barnhart speaks to the media during an NCAA college football news conference, Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2025, in Lexington, Ky.

Kentucky's Mitch Barnhart to retire as athletic director in June

AP

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Mitch Barnhart, the longest-serving athletic director in the Southeastern Conference, will retire in June and take on a new role with Kentucky, university President Eli Capilouto announced on Tuesday.

"Mitch Barnhart has led University of Kentucky athletics for nearly a quarter-century," Capilouto said in a statement released by the university. Capilouto said he had "a profound mix of emotions" to announce Barnhart's retirement.

"Mitch often speaks of the idea that our goal at UK is for student-athletes to place championship rings on their fingers and diplomas in their hands," Capilouto said. "Those aren't mere words. They are aspirations that he continually has helped our program, our people and our students meet."

Barnhart, 66, was named Kentucky's 10th athletic director in 2002, succeeding Larry Ivy. Kentucky won six NCAA championships under Barnhart, including men's basketball in 2012. Barnhart previously served as athletic director at Oregon State from 1998 to 2002.

Capilouto said Barnhart has agreed to "another new and exciting chapter" as the the first executive-in-residence of the UK Sport and Workforce Initiative.

"I'm not sure there's ever a finish line for leaders," Barnhart said. "You get to a spot where you finish one job and the next one starts and then the next task and the next task. At some point you have to say the baton is someone else's to carry."

"I'm so thankful that Dr. Capilouto is providing a 'what's next' after leaving this position and we can have an impact another way. It will matter to the university, it will matter to our department, it will matter to Kentucky. I'm super appreciative of this opportunity. My love for this place is overflowing."

A native of Kansas City, Kansas, Barnhart earned a bachelor's degree from Ottawa University in Kansas and a master's degree in sports administration from Ohio University.

Barnhart is the second-longest serving athletic director among Power Four schools, behind Oklahoma's Joe Castiglione, who plans to retire in 2028 after 27 years.

NOTICE OF FILING SETTLEMENTS

Notice is hereby given to all persons on the 8th day of APRIL 2026 at 1:30 p.m., the following fidciary accounts will be read and confirmed in the Madison District Court. All objection must be filed on or before the above date.

Estate of	Fiduciary	Attorney	Kind
Wanda F. Pennington 24-P-00452	Tony Pennington Andrea Angel	Chadwick Hammonds 133 Plaza Drive Suite 2 Berea, KY 40403	Final Settlement 01-30-2026
Lois S. Williams 25-P-00157	Joye Lowery 112 Brooks Road Richmond, KY 40475		Final Settlement 02-16-2026
James Parks Todd 95-P-00054	Sue Todd Heiny	W. Thomas Bunch II 126 West Maxwell Street Suite 200 Lexington, KY 40508	First Periodic Settlement 02-24-26

This MARCH 7, 2026
David M. Fernandez by JS/DC
Madison County District Court