

State Budget Allocates \$2 Million For Providence

Two Webster County infrastructure projects are listed as being among those being funded through the states Budget Reserve Trust Fund.

The city of Providence will receive an allocation of \$2,000,000 over a two-year period through HB 900, a one-time appropriations bill passed by the Kentucky General Assembly last week. The bill funds numerous local projects, water and sewer projects and economic development projects across the state from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund (BRTF). The funds budgeted for Providence will be used for the city's sewer and water rehabilitation project.

Dozens of Kentucky counties and cities reap the benefit of funds that pertain to airports, riverports, economic development and utilities. In total, the state allocated \$1.7 billion in through 2026 HB900.

Webster County Industrial Devel-

op Authority also received funding through HB 900. That agency will receive \$2 million over a two-year period for infrastructure work for the Sebree Springs Estates project. Work on that project began last year with the clearing of trees, underbrush and other debris from the property located just off KY 132 near the Sebree city limits.

In addition to funding for these projects, Senator Robby Mills said this week that Webster County will also receive \$564,100 through the state's Local Assistance Road Program for blacktop. He added that there are two new programs that could bring over \$300,000 to Webster County through the return of coal severance tax receipts. That amount is estimated to be about \$400,000 over the next two years for Webster County betterment projects, Mills said.

Much Of State Suffering In Drought Conditions

By Tom Latek
Kentucky Today

An ongoing shortfall of rain in Kentucky, coinciding with the start of the growing season, has led to most of the state either abnormally dry or experiencing drought conditions, according to the latest weekly U.S. Drought Monitor report.

Currently, 11.78 percent of the state is considered to have no drought, compared to last week, when it was 14.11 percent.

A total of 33.32 percent of Kentucky is considered "Abnormally Dry," or D0 on the scale that runs up to D4 for areas that are in exceptional drought. The previous Drought Monitor report had that at 65.31 percent. The current lower number is because conditions have worsened.

A total of 37.04 percent has been designated D1, or "Moderate Drought" in the latest report. That is nearly double last week's 19.01 percent.

The D2, or "Severe Drought" area, has now expanded to include 17.85 percent of the state's land area. A week ago, that figure stood at 1.58 percent. No part of Kentucky is in either D3 "Extreme Drought," or D4

"Exceptional Drought."

David Simeral, with the Western Regional Climate Center, noted, "In Kentucky, short-term dryness and developing hydrologic drought conditions led to expansion and intensification of drought."

Looking ahead, the Climate Prediction Center says Kentucky can expect warmer than usual temperatures in their six-to-ten-day outlook, with precipitation forecast to be near normal in most of the state, with slightly above normal amounts in the Western one-quarter of the state. The 8-14-day outlook calls for warmer than normal temperatures to continue, with slightly above normal precipitation statewide.

The U.S. Drought Monitor is jointly produced by the National Drought Mitigation Center (NDMC) at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the United States Department of Agriculture, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Map courtesy of NDMC.

The observations are taken every Tuesday, with the results released two days later.

WC Sheriff Monthly Activity Report

The Webster County Sheriff's Office has the following activity to report for March, 2026. This data is gathered by individual deputies during the course of their daily duties. This data was compiled and the total activity reported is as follows:

Directed Patrol: 28
Motorist Assists: 3
Criminal Cases: 14
Criminal Arrests: 52
Accidents Investigated: 14
Programs: 0
Warrant Service: 21
Search Warrant Service: 2
Criminal Summons Served: 4
Civil Process Service: 62
Security/Surveillance: 31
Intelligence Reports: 0
Vehicle Inspections (Office): 113
Victim Contacts: 307

JC3: 6
E Call Response: 2
E Crisis Response: 2
K9 Deployment: 0
Drone Deployment:
CSS Referral: 19
Regular Hours: 1108.5
Overtime Hours: 98

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**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
WEBSTER CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION 24-CI-00174**

CAPITAL PARTNERS, LP
vs.
NOR FAIZAL ABDZIZ, SUSAN FAIZAL ABDZIZ, COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, COUNTY OF WEBSTER, INDEPENDENT CAPITAL HOLDINGS, LLC, CITY OF PROVIDENCE, KENTUCKY, UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF NOR FAIZAL ABDZIZ, UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF SUSAN FAIZAL ABDZIZ, DEFENDANTS

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Webster Circuit Court on the 20th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2025, I will on **THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026**, at the hour of **11:00 A.M.** or as soon thereafter as possible at the Courthouse door in the City of Dixon, Webster County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Webster County, Kentucky, to-wit:

Property Address: 709 Church Street, Providence, Webster County, Kentucky 42450
PVA No. / Map No.: PR6-013-010-001 & PR6-013-011.
The current year's property taxes will be paid by the purchaser of the property.

Purchaser may pay cash or said property will be sold upon payment of 10% deposit, with the balance upon credit of 30 days, the purchaser shall execute a good and sufficient bond with approved surety thereon for the purchase price, the bond to bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date thereof, until paid, and to have the force and effect of a judgment, but a lien shall be retained on said property to further secure the payment of the purchase price. At his option, the purchaser may pay cash or pay the bond with accrued interest at any time before its maturity. Said sale to be made free and clear of any and all liens, claims, rights, title, and interest of any and all parties to this action. The purchaser will be prepared to promptly comply with these terms or the said property will immediately be offered again for sale.

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STEPHEN M. ARNETT, MASTER COMMISSIONER
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America 25 Quilt Show Planned

The Webster County Historical and Genealogy Society will host the America 250 Quilt Show on Saturday, May 2, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Community Center in Dixon.

Area residents who enjoy quilting, those who have family quilts they would like to share, or those who are collectors of quilts may display their quilts at the show.

Persons exhibiting quilts will be asked to take their quilts to the Community Center between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. on May 2, and complete a short form with the names of the owner of the quilt, the quilt maker if known, the quilt pattern and the approximate age of the quilt. Members of the historical society hope to collect a history of each quilt. For example, if the maker of the quilt was originally made or given to your grandmother, please include that information or tell how you came to be the owner of the quilt—was it a gift, did you inherit it, was it made for you by a family member.

Quilts provided for display can be hand quilted, machine quilted, or hand pieced. Quilts may be baby quilts, wall hangings, antique quilts, appliqued quilts, embroidery or cross stitched. There are no restrictions on the type of quilt that may be displayed.

The May 2, quilt show will close at 2:00 p.m., so individual who share their quilts may pick them up between 2:00 and 3:30 p.m.

Entry to the quilt show is free to the public with monetary prizes being given for the first, second and third place entries in the show.

It is important to note that WCHG society members recognize the importance of family keepsakes; therefore, they want to ensure all quilts on display are dropped off and picked up on May 2, so that no one's keepsake quilt is misplaced. Those

showing quilts are encouraged to follow the same day pick up guidelines when checking your quilt in and out of the show.

Quilts often help tell the story of America's history, for example, some quilt patterns were used to guide slaves through the underground railroad during the mid 1800's; other tell the story of a child's nursery rhyme while others like the flower garden quilts, the nine-patch, the lone star, the bow-tie share the colorful world around us.

The public is encouraged to celebrate America's 250th birthday by visiting the quilt show and seeing the stories told in the handcrafted quilts found in many local homes.

1.3 Million Serving In U.S. Military

According to the Department of Defense (DOD), the United States Armed Forces had 1.33 million people identified as active troops as of 2025.

The DOD reported that an additional 770,118 people were serving in the National Guard or as reserves as of 2025. Active-duty Armed Forces personnel in the United States are spread across six main service branches: the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, the Marine Corps, the Coast Guard, and the Space Force.

As of December 2025, the Army had more active-duty troops (447,455) than any other branch of the American military. The Navy (339,602) had the second most active-duty troops, while the Air Force (315,317) was the third largest branch in terms of active-duty troops.

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
WEBSTER CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION 25-CI-00210**

UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, OF WEST KENTUCKY, INC. PLAINTIFF
vs.
KENNETH TEMPLETON, And His Wife, BRIDGETTE TEMPLETON, CITY OF CLAY, KENTUCKY, WEBSTER COUNTY, KENTUCKY, PEOPLE'S SECURITY FINANCE COMPANY, INC. DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF SALE
By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Webster Circuit Court on the 22nd DAY OF JANUARY, 2026, I will on **THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026**, at the hour of **11:00 A.M.** or as soon thereafter as possible at the Courthouse door in the City of Dixon, Webster County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Webster County, Kentucky, to-wit:

Property Address: 9201 State Route, 132 W, Clay, Kentucky 42404
PVA No. / Map No.: OC3-001-002
The current year's property taxes will be paid by the purchaser of the property.

Purchaser may pay cash or said property will be sold upon payment of 10% deposit, with the balance upon credit of 30 days, the purchaser shall execute a good and sufficient bond with approved surety thereon for the purchase price, the bond to bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date thereof, until paid, and to have the force and effect of a judgment, but a lien shall be retained on said property to further secure the payment of the purchase price. At his option, the purchaser may pay cash or pay the bond with accrued interest at any time before its maturity. Said sale to be made free and clear of any and all liens, claims, rights, title, and interest of any and all parties to this action. The purchaser will be prepared to promptly comply with these terms or the said property will immediately be offered again for sale.

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**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
WEBSTER CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION 22-CI-00192**

MID SOUTH CAPITAL PARTNERS, LP PLAINTIFF
vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS, LEGATEES AND DEVISEES OF JW MORSE, AND THEIR SPOUSES, UNKNOWN HEIRS, LEGATEES AND DEVISEES OF WILLIE BLANCHE MORSE AND THEIR SPOUSES, ROBERT DALE FARTHING, AS EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF DONNA KAY, BRADEN MORSE, ROBERT DALE FARTHING, COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, COUNTY OF WEBSTER, CITY OF CLAY, KENTUCKY, ASSET ACCEPTANCE, LLC, MIDLAND FUNDING, LLC, ARROW FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC, CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A., LVNV FUNDING, LLC, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF ROBERT DALE FARTHING DEFENDANTS

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Property Address: 9385 State Route 132 W., Clay, Kentucky 42404
PVA No. / Map No.: OC3-002-001
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