

Five Reasons Every Person Should Have A Will

It is easy to put off estate planning for another day. But having a legally binding will drawn up is one of the most important financial and personal decisions a person can make. A will is not merely a document for the wealthy who have significant portfolios and real estate holdings. A will is a vital tool that honors a person's wishes, protects their assets and spares their loved ones unnecessary hardships during a time of profound grief.

Here are the five reasons why drawing up a will is important.

1. Control asset distribution

Without a will, a person will die intestate. According to MetLife, state intestacy laws dictate who inherits a person's property, regardless of the decedent's actual relationships or verbal promises. A will gives an individual sole authority to decide exactly who receives their real estate, savings, family heirlooms, and investments, preventing potential disputes among surviving rela-



tives.

2. Appoint a guardian for minor children

For parents, this is often the most critical function of a will. If both parents pass away unexpectedly without naming a legal guardian for their minor children, a court will decide who raises them, indicates Snyder Law. A will allows people to choose a trusted individual who shares their values, ensuring children are cared for by someone who parents and children know and trust.

3. Streamline the probate process

All estates must go through probate in the United States. Investopedia says probate is the court-supervised process of distributing assets. Dying without a will complicates and prolongs this process, requiring the court to appoint an administrator and trace legal heirs. A valid will accelerates probate, minimizes legal fees, and allows beneficiaries to access their inheritance much faster.

4. Designate an executor

An executor manages the decedent's estate - paying off final debts, closing accounts, and distributing assets according to instructions, indicates TIAA. By drawing up a will, one can select a reliable, highly capable individual to handle these complex duties, rather than leaving them to the court.

5. Minimize estate taxes

A will can be structured to reduce the tax burden on heirs, says Empower. Through strategic asset distribution, establishing trusts or making charitable bequests, a per-

son can shield a larger portion of their estate from inheritance or estate taxes.

Taking the time to draw up a will is a final act of care and responsibility that protects one's legacy and provides peace of mind for family.

Multi-Class Reunion Scheduled For Saturday

Webster County High School Class of 1969 is sponsoring a HUGE class reunion of the classes of 1966, 1967, 1968, 1968, 1970, 1971, and 1972 on July 25 in the Annex. Graduates of those classes will gather from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. to share memories, re-connect with old friends and enjoy a night of nostalgia.

There is no charge to attend, but guests are asked to "just bring a snack to share." The Class of 1969 is hosting the event.

For additional information, contact Jennifer Potts Anglin with questions at 770-894-2926

Webster County Farm Bureau PICNIC and ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, August 6

Doors Open at 6:00 P.M.

Meal at 6:30 P.M.

Webb Memorial United Methodist Church

370 State Route 109-North - Clay, KY

Tickets: **\$10.00** per adult

\$5.00 for children under 10 years of age

Catfish and All The Trimmings

-- Door Prizes --

Please Make Plans To Attend

United Way Of The Coalfield Announces Opening Of Badgett Grant Cycle For 2026

United Way of the Coalfield is pleased to announce that applications for the 2026 Heidi Badgett Fund will open Friday, August 1, 2026, inviting nonprofit organizations to collaborate on projects that improve the health and educational well-being of children and fam-

ilies across Hopkins, Muhlenberg, and Webster counties.

The Heidi Badgett Fund was established to support innovative partnerships between nonprofit organizations and other community agencies working together to address the needs of children from

birth through age 17 and their families. The fund also encourages collaboration, helping organizations combine resources and expertise to create a greater impact throughout the region.

This year's grant cycle will award \$19,881 in funding. Priority will be given to collaborative projects involving two or more nonprofit partners, innovative programs with matching funds, ongoing initiatives that leverage additional financial support, and qualifying capital campaigns with matching funds and long-term maintenance plans.

"One of the greatest strengths of our communities is the willingness of organizations to work together," said Ashley Alexander, Executive Director of United Way of the Coalfield. "The Heidi Badgett Fund was created to encourage collaboration, knowing that when agencies combine their expertise and resources, they can create lasting change for children and fami-

lies. We encourage eligible organizations to begin planning now and take advantage of this opportunity."

Eligible applicants must represent partnerships involving at least two nonprofit organizations or qualifying community partners, with each organization playing a clearly defined role in the proposed program. Programs must directly address the health and educational needs of children and families within Hopkins, Muhlenberg, and/or Webster counties.

Completed applications must be submitted by 12:00 p.m. on September 25, 2026, with grant awards announced on September 30, 2026.

Grant applications and additional information are available by contacting United Way of the Coalfield at 270-821-3170 or by emailing executive.director@unitedwayofthecoalfield.org or office.manager@unitedwayofthecoalfield.org.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant To Application Number 917-9007, Renewal 4

(1) In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Sebree Mining, LLC, 1146 Monarch Street Suite 350 Lexington, KY 40513, has applied for renewal of a permit affecting 416.10 acres.

(2) The operation is located 3.2 miles northwest of Onton in Webster County. The operation is approximately 0.5 miles northeast from KY Route 370's junction with Steamport Landing Road and located 0.8 miles southwest of the Green River. The operation is located on the Sebree and Beach Grove U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps.

(3) The operation will include a refuse disposal area. The surface area is owned by Penn Virginia Operating Co., LLC, and ARP Sebree South, LLC.

(4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Madisonville Regional Office, 625 Hospital Drive, Madisonville, KY 42431. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, KY 40601.

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-- PUBLIC NOTICE --

Xpress Liquor Outlet LLC hereby declares its intention(s) to apply for a Quota Retail Package license no later than July 20, 2026.

The licensed premises will be located at 489 US Highway 41 North, Unit A, Sebree Kentucky, 42455.

The owner and president is Aniket Patel, 5527 Goldenrod Lane, Owensboro KY 42303.

Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the granting of the license(s) by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 500 Mero Street 2NE33, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601, within thirty (30) days of the date of legal publication.

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P.O. Box 459

Owensboro, KY 42302

270-929-0194 Stacy

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COUNTY AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT PROGRAM (CAIP)

Applications will be available for Webster County's CAIP and YAIP to assist Farmers and Youth in making important on-farm investments.

Application Period:

August 1, 2026 - November 30, 2026

No applications will be accepted after November 30, 2026

Application Availability:

Webster County Extension Service Monday – Friday (8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.)

For More Information:

Contact Extension Service at 270-639-9011 to request applications

All applications are scored, based on the scoring criteria



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