

WCPS Personnel Return To School Next Week

Summer break for Webster County School personnel will end early next week with staff returning to their assigned duties on August 4, for the opening of the 2026-27 school year.

On Tuesday, all personnel will meet in the annex in Dixon for opening day activities. That will be followed by two professional development days on August 5 and 6. A long weekend will lead into teachers taking part in professional learning on August 10 and 11 before students return to the classrooms on Wednesday, August 12.

The complete school calendar for the 2026-27 school year is available in both English and Spanish on the school district website,



WCHS Students Attend FCCLA National Conference

WCHS Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) students attended the FCCLA National Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. recently. Every student earned a Silver medal in their respective STAR Events.

While in Washington, students had the opportunity to explore many of our nation's most historic landmarks during the America 250 celebration, including Arlington National Cemetery, the National Zoo, Ford's Theatre, the White House, the Smithsonian National Museum of American History. They also visited the National Mall for the Great American State Fair to experience the Lincoln Memorial, the Reflecting Pool, and the Korean War Veterans Memorial. Their adventures continued at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, the National Gallery of Art, and the beautiful U.S. Botanic Garden.

Congratulations to the following students: Audrey Billings-Teach or Train, Level 3 Silver; Maryann Davis-Leadership, Level 3 Silver and Chloe Pleskach Leadership, Level 2 Silver

but here is a rundown of holidays and other breaks planned for the year.

Students' first holiday is Labor Day, September 7, followed by 19 days of instruction before they have the first full week of October (October 5-9) off for fall break. Monday, October 12 is a professional learning day for teachers, so students will actually be out of school from October 3-12 before returning to classrooms on Tuesday, October 12.

In November, classes will be dismissed November 25, 26, 27 for Thanksgiving break and will return to finish the first semester on November 30. December will be a short month with students in the classrooms from December 2 to 18, when they will be released for Christmas break. Classes are dismissed on December 18, for the holiday, with teachers returning for professional learning on January 5, 2027 and students returning for the start of the second semester on January 6.

On January 18, there will be no school due to the holiday (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day); classes will resume on Tuesday, January 19.

School will not be in session on February 12, and students will not be in classes on February 15; however, teachers will have a professional learning day on the 15th.

Classes are dismissed on March 15, and on April 5-9, classes are dismissed for spring break with students returning to classrooms on April 13. Teachers will be involved in a professional learning day on April 12. The next 27 weekdays will see students in their classrooms completing the 2026-27 school year.

May 20, is set as the final day for students (pending weather issues or other closings) with May 21, listed as a professional learning day and May 24, as closing day for all district staff.

May 25-28 are slated as make-up days should the district face inclement weather cancellations or other possible closings that disrupt classes.

Webster County Jailer's Report

Webster County Jailer Greg Sauls reports inmates worked a total of 1870 hours between July 19 and July 25, 2026. Hours worked include 520 hours at the detention center; 280 hours at the RCC; 80 hours mowing; 360 hours for Union County; 40 hours for the city of Clay; 80 hours for the city of Dixon; 160 hours for the city of Providence; 40 hours for recycling; 40 hours for the road department shop and 40 hours for the dog warden.

The total jail population is 162 with 29 Webster County inmates; 31 Union County inmates and 102 state prisoners.

Thirty-five inmates participated in the Moral Recognition Therapy program with one graduating; 24 attended Anger Management with two graduating; 21 attended Thinking for Good and 12 attended Untangling Relationships. Seven inmates participated in the GED program.

Incarcerated during the same period were

Jakquez Avery
Johsua Burrows
Robert Daniels
Tracy Franklin
Brayden French
Charles Hubbard
Phillip Jose
Jordan McGuire
Michael Jeffrey
Tiffanie Payne
Deaundre Per-
ry-Luckett
Jacob Robinson
Justin Shepherd
Tyler Smith
Annisha Willett
Robert Wilson
Hassan Yassuf



God Knows You

By Dr. Bob Hardison

Life With God Changes Everything

Q: I'm always tired. I don't care whether I do anything or not. My current life is depressing. How can I pull out of the funk I'm in?

A: It sounds like you need to find hope and direction to pull you out of your lingering despair. I urge you to ask God to give you lasting vitality. He can give you life-giving hope through His Son, Jesus Christ. The Holy Scripture assures us, "For just as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive" (1 Cor. 15:22). Christ lived, died for our sins, was buried, and rose again. Therefore, through Him, we can have hope both now and for eternity. He gives an abundant life filled with purpose and meaning.

God gives each of us the opportunity to live in an intimate relationship with Him. Life with God is not just about following rules. It's about having a loving relationship with God despite our mistakes. While we were sinners, Christ died on the cross so we can have forgiveness of our sins. God's grace and love is available to all who believe in Christ.

Just as Jesus arose from the dead, those who trust in Him have eternal life, too. Even though life can be hard and frustrating, life with God goes on for eternity. Believers hold onto a hope that's eternal.

Living for Christ turns a life of despair into one of hope. In Him, life is flipped. A life of aimlessness is changed into one with new direction and deep inner joy. Life with God changes everything. He loves you and gives abundant and eternal life to all who serve Him.

Hancock Reunion August 9

Calling all descendants of William Lewis and Sarah Bradshaw Hancock.

The annual Hancock Family Reunion will be held on August 9, 2026, in the basement of the Onton UMC.

Starting time is noon and with a potluck meal served around 12:30. Attendees are asked to bring their favorite covered dish. Drinks and tableware are provided.

Please bring any family photos or other items you would like to share; prizes will be awarded to the oldest and youngest attendees.

Mark your calendars, and please come and join Hancock family descendants for a fun filled afternoon of food and fellowship.

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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 ½ 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.

This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of this date.

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MONEY FOR ON-FARM INVESTMENTS AVAILABLE...



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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