



BRYCE APPLGATE OF Simpsonville brought his ARCA series car to Onton Hay Days on Saturday for display at the annual car show. Applegate, who has raced in two ARCA races this season has family members who live in Onton, and the 20-year old and his family spent the day visiting with family and friends a the annual fall festival. Earlier this race season Applegate, who races with Mullins Racing of Virginia, ran in Daytona where he had a 13th place finish and later at Indianapolis as a start to his racing career. The Mullins team, which runs two ARCA cars, hopes to see Applegate in eight races during the next race season. According to Applegate, he began racing after he tried several “stick and ball” sports and found he “wasn’t much good at them” so he has found himself in a race car where he feels most comfortable.

Agriculture Continues To Feed, Fuel, And Strengthen America

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Agriculture remains one of the most important industries in the United States, providing food, fiber, fuel, and economic opportunity for millions of people. According to the 2022 Census of Agriculture, the United States is home to 1.9 million farms that operate on approximately 880 million acres of farmland. Although the number of farms has declined in recent decades, American farmers continue to produce more food and agricultural products than ever before through innovation, technology, and improved management practices.

Agriculture’s impact extends far beyond the farm gate. Farmers and ranchers produce the raw materials needed for food, clothing, renewable fuels, and countless everyday products. Despite their importance, farm

and ranch families make up less than 2% of the U.S. population, yet one American farmer feeds approximately 166 people each year in the United States and abroad. As the world’s population continues to grow, agriculture will play an even greater role in meeting global food needs.

Kentucky agriculture is a vital part of the Commonwealth’s economy and heritage. The state has approximately 67,700 to 69,000 farms and more than 12 million acres devoted to agricultural production. Agriculture contributes billions of dollars annually to Kentucky’s economy, with recent reports showing more than \$8 billion in farm cash receipts. Kentucky’s farms are predominantly family-owned operations, demonstrating the strong tradition of stewardship passed down through generations.

The Bluegrass State is recognized nationwide for its diverse agricultural production. Kentucky’s leading commodities

include corn, soybeans, poultry, cattle, horses, hay, and tobacco. Kentucky ranks first nationally in the production of burley, dark-fired, and dark air-cured tobacco and is also recognized as a leader in Thoroughbred horse breeding. Poultry, corn, and soybeans each generate more than a billion dollars in annual production value, highlighting the diversity and strength of the state’s agricultural industry.

From the rolling pastures of Central Kentucky to the row-crop fields of Western Kentucky, agriculture remains the backbone of many rural communities. Farmers continue to adapt to changing markets, consumer demands, and new technologies while maintaining a commitment to producing safe, affordable, and abundant food. As we celebrate agriculture, it is important to recognize the dedication of farm families whose hard work helps sustain Kentucky, the nation, and the world.

The Effects Of Trash On The Environment

Earth Day is an annual holiday celebrated on April 22. Earth Day celebrates the planet and the dawn of the modern environmental movement that began in 1970.

Efforts to draw attention to environmental issues affecting the planet have always been important. But the significance of such efforts grows each year, as climate experts and environmental researchers continue to warn that something must be done to change behaviors that could be adversely affecting the planet.

One area that might require change concerns trash. According to EarthDay.org, two billion metric tons of unsustainable, municipally generated trash are thrown away across the globe every year. That trash subsequently enters the environment and affects the climate and the health of animals and humans. And some research suggests that the effects of trash on the environment might be underestimated.

A 2024 study from researchers at Harvard University’s John A. Paulson School of Engineering and Applied Sciences noted that estimates from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) indicating methane emissions

from landfills have been greatly underestimated. Researchers behind the Harvard study found that methane emissions from landfills are 51 percent higher than EPA estimates suggest. That’s a notable miscalculation, as methane emissions are a significant contributor to climate change. In fact, EarthDay.org notes that methane has a warming potential more than 80 times greater than carbon dioxide over a 20-year period. The warming potential of methane underscores the need to incorporate waste management practices that may help reduce methane emissions into any strategies designed to mitigate the effects of climate change.

Trash also can have a harmful effect on wildlife. Trash can get into natural settings, including waterways, where it has an adverse effect on marine species. EarthDay.org notes that plastic or solid waste gradually degrades into smaller pieces, making it difficult for wildlife, including marine species, to distinguish between what is food they can eat and what is plastic that they should avoid. According to the United Nations Environment Programme, as much as 23 million tons of plastic enters aquatic

environments each year.

Trash also can have an adverse effect on human health. Thousands of chemicals are utilized to manufacture products that ultimately end up in landfills each year, and EarthDay.org notes that landfills provide a pathway for those chemicals to enter the environment. Some of those chemicals are endocrine-disrupting and/or carcinogenic,

and exposure to them may increase a person’s risk for health issues including infertility, cancer and Alzheimer’s disease, among others.

Trash is a part of daily life. Recognition of the harmful environmental impact trash can have is vital as the world looks to alter behaviors that could be jeopardizing the health of the planet and the species on it.

PUBLIC NOTICE

On the 14th day of September 2026, the Webster County Fiscal Court approved the first reading of an amendment amending the Fee Pooling and Purchase Order Systems Ordinance. The amended ordinance will read: Other than payment of jury meal expenses, the Sheriff and County Clerk shall draw no other checks upon the Fee Accounts except the check to pay over the net income and net fees and approved expenses such as postage and travel/convention expenses of the Fee Accounts to the County Treasurer.

The second reading of this Amended Ordinance will be held September 28, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the regular meeting of the Webster County Fiscal Court at 80 N. College St. in Dixon, Kentucky A copy of the Amendment to the Ordinance may be reviewed at the Office of the Webster County Judge/Executive. Any persons who have comments should appear at such time and place to be heard.

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God Knows You

By Dr. Bob Hardison

Let’s Make Interacting With Unredeemed Folks A Priority

Q: All the people I hangout with are Christians. I try not to interact with sinful pagans because I worry I’ll pick up their foul language, and my thoughts will become lustful and materialistic. Taking time to associate with unchurched people could harm my reputation. Am I right to separate myself from people who are far from God?

While it is wonderful to interact with church folk, after all they are our brothers and sisters in Christ, we must guard against isolating ourselves from rubbing elbows with everyone regardless their personal behavior, political allegiance, or their reputation. How are we going to build relations with folks who desperately need Jesus if we don’t spend some time with them. Oftentimes, some of the best opportunities to share the Gospel of Christ with another person come after we helped to meet a physical need.

Although Jesus was a righteous person, He didn’t go around with a judgmental attitude based on their mistakes or their lack of keeping certain commandments. Jesus extended grace and forgiveness to all people. He ate with an ostracized group of hated tax collectors at Matthew’s house. He did the unthinkable—He reached out His sand touched a unclean leper (Lk. 5 13). He entered and ate at a Pharisee’s house (Lk. 7:36). Like Jesus, we need to take the time and make the effort to befriend people far from God.

Sometimes we are more worried about our reputation than the spiritual wellbeing of others. Let’s follow Jesus’ example and reach out to those who are sinful. After all, someone did that for you and me!

Public Invited To Birthday Celebration

Jane Ogden Kelton, a former Slaughters resident, will celebrate her 100th birthday on Sunday, September 27, 2026 with a gathering at Slaughter’s Christian Church on Sunday between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m.

Friends and family are welcome to visit with Mrs. Kelson as she celebrates this milestone birthday.

Slaughters School Reunion Is September 26

The annual Slaughters School reunion is slated for Saturday, September 26 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at The Country Cupboard in Madisonville.

No reservation is needed, but all attendees of Slaughters School are encouraged to attend.

The restaurant is located at 582 McCoy Ave. in Madisonville

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Dixon is accepting sealed bids for the property located at 118 N Stegal St, Dixon KY. The property consists of 0.776 acres with existing connections to water, sewer and electric. Deed may be viewed at Webster County Clerk’s office, Book 331, Page 234. Seller has set a reserve amount of \$10,000, but retains the option to accept or reject any bid, whether under or over the reserve amount. Bids will be opened, reviewed, and possible awarding at the regular meeting of the Dixon City Commission October 12, 6pm. Bids may be delivered to Dixon City Hall at 10 US Hwy 41A N, Dixon KY (a drop box is available), or mailed to PO Box 197, Dixon KY 42409, and are due no later than 4pm on October 12, 2026.

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NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Sebree Mining, LLC, 1146 Monarch Street STE:350, Lexington, Kentucky 40513, has applied for Phase I bond release on Increment No. 1 3 and 4, of permit 917-5027, which was last issued on July 9, 2026. The application covers an area of approximately 129.4 surface acres.

The permit area is near the intersection of US 41 and State HWY 494.

The bonds now in effect for the mentioned increments are surety bonds in the amount of \$738,977. 60% of the original bonds receiving Phase I release in the amount of \$443,386.20 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, regrading, topsoil replacement, and drainage control including soil preparation and initial seeding and mulching in accordance with the approved reclamation plan and a report for the area has been submitted to the cabinet in accordance with 405 KAR 16:200, Section 8 or 405 KAR 18:200, Section 8. revegetation has been established in accordance with the approved reclamation plan and the standards for success of revegetation, successful completion of all surface and reclamation operations in accordance with the approved reclamation plan such that the land is capable of supporting the post mining land use of pastureland approved pursuant to 405 KAR 16:210 or 405 KAR 18:220; compliance with requirements of KRS Chapter 350, 405 KAR Chapters 7 through 24, and 405 KAR 10:020 and release of 129.4 acres.

This is the final advertisement of the application. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, 300 Sower Boulevard Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601 by October 23rd, 2026.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 9:00 AM on Tuesday, October 27th, 2026 at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement’s Madisonville Regional Office, State Office Building, Third Floor, 625 Hospital Drive, Madisonville, KY 42431. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by Friday October 23rd, 2026.

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