

Scams Regarding Death Of Dolly Parton Are Popping Up

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Charity scams are popping up following the death of country music star Dolly Parton, in which these scammers use her name and image to target mourning fans with fake donation requests.

According to stop-scams.ky.gov in its monthly newsletter, a post to official social media accounts by her family is asking that fans wishing to memorialize Parton should donate to Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. They add, make sure you are using the official website, ImaginationLibrary.com, and not sending money to a scammer.

The website also warns that with open enrollment for Medicare starts Oct. 15, scams associated with that annual topic are on the rise. You can

encounter a Medicare scam by phone, email, text, social media—or even at your front door.

Scammers pretend to represent Medicare, an insurance company or a doctor's office to get their hands on your Medicare number and other personal information. The official website to join, drop or switch your Medicare plan is online at medicare.gov.

Stopscams.ky.gov notes that October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month, so you should protect your phone to protect yourself.

Your cellphone is a wallet, ID, bank and gateway to all of your accounts. Securing it is a major part of protecting yourself from scams. Their advice:

--Lock your phone. Create a strong passcode or turn on fingerprint/facial recogni-

tion. You should also enable multifactor authentication for all accounts and apps on your phone.

--Recognize and report phishing emails and text messages. Do not answer unknown phone calls.

--Update your software. This should be done regularly and quickly when a new update is released.

Finally, the holiday shopping season is right around the corner, so scammers

are getting ready, too. As you begin searching for gifts, watching for deals and ordering packages, keep an eye out for scams designed to catch shoppers off guard.

That includes fake shopping websites, package delivery scams and gift card scams. The Better Business Bureau suggests you learn how to protect your personal information and spot red flags, so you can shop confidently online during the busiest time of year.



Dixon Commission Makes Appointment; Rejects Bids

The Dixon City Commission met in regular session on Monday night with Mayor Terry Webb presiding and all commissioners in attendance. Also present were City Clerk Barb Goff and Code Enforcement Officer Kim Turner.

The commissioners conducted a closed session, heard reports, approved an appointment to the Code Enforcement Board, opened bids for a lot located on Stegal Street, and heard a presentation concerning a non-profit organization which is opening a "safe haven" in Dixon for displaced individuals who may be victims of addiction or domestic violence.

Following approval of the minutes from the September meeting, the commission approved the bills and claims.

At 6:02 P.M., members adjourned to a closed session to discuss personnel. Upon returning to the open session 12 minutes later, Mayor Webb said there would be nothing to report.

Commissioners heard several reports. Members of the Dixon Volunteer Fire Department responded to 22 incidents.

Commissioner Randy Norman presented the monthly water report for September. The city purchased 2,431,000 gallons of water and sold 1,994,380 gallons. The monthly water loss was 436,620 gallons, and 18% loss for the month. Norman also reported that a major leak on KY 132-W had been repaired.

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O'Leary told members the Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Board will host a burgoo fund-raiser at Baker Park on October 24. The annual trunk or treat will also be held at Baker Park on October 31, 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Veterans Day activities will be held in Dixon on November 7.

Commissioner Robert Brown updated members on the city street. He noted that an overgrown area on Stegal Street needs to be addressed, and paving, which has been scheduled for Parrish Avenue, needs to be delayed until spring because of logging activities which are going on in the area. Commissioner Peggy Poole told the board a major erosion area on College Avenue is in need of repair. It was also reported that paving will take place on College Avenue.

Ms. Turner told members the Code Enforcement Board sent six citations in September, and one notice of violation has been mailed.

The commissioners approved the appointment of Sandy Turner to the Code Enforcement Board. That appointment is subject to a 90-day probation period.

Two bids were received for a city-owned lot located at 118 North Stegal Street. Todd Young made an offer of \$7,225 for the property. Jeremy Durbin made an offer of \$8,200 for the lot. The city advertised the property with a \$10,000 minimum bid, and both of those bids were rejected,

The property will be

re-advertised, and bids will be reviewed at the commission meeting in November.

Melanie Mullins, who told members she is "new" to Dixon, addressed commissioners concerning a non-profit that is operating in the former Dixon Bank building. The site is serving as a safe, secure house designed to help at risk individuals transition back into normal society. "We want to help families return to a normal life," she said.

Ms. Mullins noted the organization is seeking grant funding

and is currently accepting donations to help with the operation. Those donations can be monetary, in the form of gift cards, or include a variety of products which are needed.

Ms Mullins can be contacted at the site location to obtain additional information.

No further business came before the commission, and the meeting adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

The next regular meeting of Dixon City Commission will be Monday, November 9, 6:00 P.M.

Board Of Education

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larger projects such as installing new gutters on the rear of Sebree Elementary School, cleaning up the greenhouse area on the Dixon campus, moving storage buildings to other locations, working at the ATC. Their jobs also include maintaining the gym floors of each school, emptying trash after athletic events, keeping the field drains operational, stripping the fields for play and keeping the scoreboards in working order.

Moving forward, Bowles said plans include more tree trimming, landscaping and work on the parking lot at Dixon Elementary. The district also has several HVAC projects to complete and they must begin preparing for snow days.

In addition to the five fulltime employees, the maintenance department also employs six high school co-op students who help with routine work. "I'm proud of the group we've got," Bowles told the board.

Michael Stone who heads up the district's IT department also provided the board with an overview of his department's work. The IT department includes four fulltime employees, Stone said and noted the department is "quite busy." Since July 1, they have received 660 work orders with tasks that include correcting printer issues, resetting passwords, upgrading software and repairing devices. Stone told the board his department tries to be proactive rather than reactive.

Stone also addressed the district's participation in the federal e-rate program which is run through the Federal Communications Commission. That program provides a 90 percent financial return on category one programs such as fiber networks and servers which brings about \$14,500 annually back to the district or 90 percent of the costs for those upgrades. Category 2 programs and additions bring back 85 percent of their costs. The district recently re-

placed equipment at the high school and through the e-rate program, the \$108,000 costs for those upgrades was reduced to \$16000 local dollars.

Plans now for the IT department are to make upgrades at WCMS, Dixon and Sebree this year and follow those upgrades with work at Clay and Providence the following year. The discounts, Stone said, make it possible for the district to complete the work and replace equipment with fewer local dollars.

Gooch added that the IT department has spent months working on a new statewide program—Rapid Identity. "They have done a good job," Gooch said.

The only other business to come before the board was a discussion about a student representative being added to the board. Gooch provided board members with student member policies from five or six other schools, noting that he likes the Union County policy the best. He added that he would like to see the local policy open the position to juniors and seniors rather than just seniors and include that candidates must have attended WCHS for at least two years. He added that once the application process concludes, an election will be held with a student board member hopefully in place by December.

The board held and passed first reading of policy 01.1 related to adding a non-voting student member to the board.

The meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m. with the next regular session of the board scheduled for October 26.

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NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Hopkins County Coal, LLC, 1146 Monarch Street STE:350, Lexington, Kentucky 40513, has applied for Phase II and III on increments 13 of permit 917-0034, which was last issued on September 9, 2026. The application covers an area of approximately 83.80 surface acres.

The permit area is near the intersection of Slover Creek Road & Bruce Road.

The bonds now in effect for the mentioned increments are surety bonds in the amount of \$108,000. 100% of the original bonds receiving Phase III release in the amount of \$108,000 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 cropland and 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 83.80 acres.

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 Friday November 20th, 2026.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 10:00 AM on Tuesday, December 1st, 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 November 20th, 2026.

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Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission Member Nomination Meeting

A meeting to nominate candidates for the 2nd District representative on the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission will be held at the Warren County Extension Office, 5162 Russellville Road, Bowling Green, on Nov. 17, 2026. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m.

The commission provides oversight of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources and guides development of the state's regulations on hunting, fishing, boating and related matters. It is a voluntary position.

The 2nd District includes Allen, Butler, Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, Hopkins, Logan, McLean, Muhlenberg, Ohio, Simpson, Todd, Union, Warren and Webster counties.

Resident hunters or anglers of the 2nd District who qualify and attend the meeting may vote or be nominated for the position.

Potential nominees must submit an affidavit of qualifications to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. An application for nomination and qualification documentation must be received in the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commissioner's Office at least 15 days prior to the meeting (Nov. 2, 2026). The department will determine if the candidate meets the appropriate qualifications.

Nominees must have held a Kentucky fishing and hunting or trapping license for at least the previous five consecutive license years prior to the current license year; be a current resident of the district; be well informed on wildlife conservation and restoration; and be an experienced hunter, angler, trapper or biologist.

License exemptions do not apply for potential commission members. Nominees cannot be a convicted felon.

If more than five candidates are nominated at the meeting, candidates will be selected by vote to reduce the list of nominees to five for consideration by the governor.

Sportsmen or sportswomen wishing to vote at the meeting must be a current resident of the district and have purchased a hunting or fishing license for at least the previous two consecutive license years prior to the current license year. Voters will also need to have their Fish and Wildlife Customer ID number readily available to affix on the ballot.

Additional information is available online at fw.ky.gov, or by calling Kentucky Fish and Wildlife at 1-800-858-1549. Phones are staffed weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Eastern), closed for holidays.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (Public Law 88-578), citizens are afforded the opportunity to express their views concerning the recreational needs of their community. To provide a forum for discussion, the City of Clay will be hosting an open meeting on:

Date: October 23rd, 2026
Time: 10:00 AM CST/ 11:00 AM EST
Location: City of Clay Park
Address: 125 W Short St., Clay, KY 42404

The specific purpose of this meeting is to discuss the City of Clay application for 2026 LWCF grant to replace the light poles and armatures of the baseball field located at the top of the park.

The public is invited to review and voice their opinion on the proposed activities and potential impacts of the project. Anyone wishing to support or oppose the proposed project can also submit written comments to Clay City Hall by October 30th, 2026.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Webster County Fiscal Court is hosting a public meeting on the proposed Canaan Ridge Park Project Land & Water Conservation Fund application. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the installation of a walking trail at the new park.

Date: October 26, 2026
Time: 9 a.m., in conjunction with Fiscal Court
Location: Webster County Senior Center
Address: 80 N College St., Dixon, KY 42409

The public is invited to review and voice their opinion on the proposed activities and potential impacts of the project. Anyone wishing to support or oppose the proposed project can also submit written comments to Webster County Fiscal Court, PO Box 155, Dixon, KY 42409 by close of business May 30, 2025.

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