



Earthquake Awareness Week; Shakeout Drill Is Thursday

The world’s largest earthquake drill takes place each year at 10:15 a.m. (your local time) on Thursday, October 15. Encourage your friends, family and colleagues to participate in the 2026 Great ShakeOut earthquake drill!

The recent devastating earthquakes in Colombia and Venezuela are tragic reminders that earthquakes can strike anywhere at any time, and you may have just a few seconds to protect yourself from injury.

Participation in the ShakeOut drill allows everyone to take proactive steps before an earthquake. Additionally, by encouraging others to do the same, we can all contribute to the safety, security and resilience of the nation.

When the clock strikes 10:15 a.m. (local time), practice three simple actions: Drop, Cover and Hold On. DROP to the ground, take COVER by getting under a sturdy desk or table and HOLD ON as if there was a major earthquake occurring. Identify safe places such as under a sturdy piece of furniture or against an interior wall in your location.

Most earthquake-related injuries and deaths are caused by collapsing

walls and roofs, flying glass and falling objects.

During an earthquake, immediately moving to a safe place can save your life. Your safe place should be easy to access to avoid injury from flying debris.

Take these actions to stand ready before an earthquake:

- * Establish a disaster/emergency plan for your family, work or school.
- * Replenish and organize your emergency supply kits.
- * Conduct an Earthquake Home Hazard Hunt for unsecured items that could fall in the event of an earthquake.
- * Register and participate in the ShakeOut to prepare yourself and your environment in the event of an earthquake.

You can spread awareness of earthquakes by sharing your ShakeOut participation. Take a photo and mention ShakeOut and Earthquake Safety in your post.

To learn more about ShakeOut, visit ShakeOut.org. You can also text “shakeout” to 43362 to receive texts from FEMA about earthquake preparedness tips and safety information.

Agriculture Notes

Submitted by Katie Hughes

Fall Fencing School in Union County: November 10, 2026 from 8AM-4PM cost is \$35 per person. This program is designed for producers and agricultural professionals to learn the newest fencing methods and sound fencing construction through a combination of classroom and hands-on learning. Contact the Union County Extension Office for more information 270-389-1400 or katie.n.hughes@uky.edu

Bull Breeding Soundness Evaluation Clinic: Will be Nov 24,2026 at Stone Vet Clinic, Sturgis from 8am-4pm. Evaluation fee is \$30 per bull. Must reserve your spot by Nov 17 to the Union Co Extension Office 270-389-1400.

Fall is the time to check forages for Prussic Acid Risk: As temperatures fall, livestock producers should pay close attention to forages that can cause prussic acid poisoning. Sorghum, sudangrass, sorghum-sudan hybrids, Johnsongrass and wild cherry contain compounds that may release cyanide when plants are damaged by frost, drought or other stress. The toxin can interfere with an animal’s ability to use oxygen and may cause death quickly.

The risk of prussic acid poisoning is highest in the fall because the first frosts and freezes can make these plants especially dangerous. Young shoots and regrowth also may contain higher toxin levels. Remove ruminants from pastures containing high-risk plants when frost is expected, and don’t allow animals to graze those fields at night when a frost is likely.

Testing removes the guesswork from grazing decisions. Before turning livestock into a questionable field, contact your county Extension office. Local extension offices are equipped with Cyanide Field Test kits that can help to assess risk levels. Because toxin levels can vary across a field and change after frost or new growth, follow the sampling instructions carefully and discuss whether additional testing is needed before grazing or feeding the forage.

While waiting for results, keep livestock away from suspect forage. After a light, non-killing frost, wait about two weeks before grazing. Following a killing frost, wait until the plant material is completely dry and brown—generally at least 48 to 72 hours. Do not graze wilted plants or young tillers. For hay, allow the forage to dry thoroughly before baling. If the crop is ensiled, delay feeding for six to eight weeks so the toxic compound has time to dissipate.

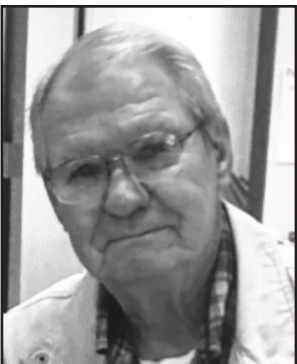
Symptoms of prussic acid poisoning may include staggering, labored breathing, foaming at the mouth, spasms, convulsions and collapse but most commonly livestock are simply found dead. Contact a veterinarian immediately if an animal shows these signs.

For help assessing forage risk, collecting a sample or understanding test results, contact your Union County Extension office. Sources: Chris Teutsch, Ph.D., Extension forage specialist; Michelle Arnold, Ph.D., Ruminant Extension Veterinarian

Deaths And Funerals

Floyd Nichols
Floyd Charles Nichols, 87, of Sturgis, died on Monday, October 5 at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville, Kentucky.

He was born Febru-



ary 14, 1939 in Terre Haute, Indiana to Reuben Stanley Nichols and Lucille Paule Gilie. Floyd was a devoted to his family and was a proud veteran of the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force.

He was preceded in death by his parents; Jean Ann Nichols; and a son-in-law.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Nichols; his children, Nikki Nichols Wheeler, Shawnee Payne, Kyle McGee, Corey Nichols, and Michelle Breeden; 11 grandchildren; eight

great-grandchildren; and a sister, Gloria Vasquez.

He loved the outdoors and enjoyed hunting. He enjoyed playing country and blue grass music and was an avid fan of the UK Wildcats basketball team. He was also a professional boxing fan.

Funeral service was held on Friday, October 9 at Whitsell Funeral Home in Sturgis. The Rev. Noble Cobb officiate3d.

Military rites were held at the funeral home.

Joe Hansbrough
Joseph LynnHansbrough, 83, died on Friday, October 9 at his home.

He was born April



21, 1943 to Robert and Zura Hansbrough in Union County.

Joe enjoyed hunting, fishing, and playing softball. He was a former member of the Eagles Club, worked for McElroy Farms for 47, years, and served in the U.S. Army.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 32 years, Kitty Hansbrough.

He is survived by a son, Joe (Jo) Hansbrough of Adolphus, Kentucky; three grandchildren; four step-daughters, Tina Townsend, Tonya Majors, Connie Simpson, and Tammy Willett; a brother, Donnie Hansborough of Calhoun, Kentucky; a sister, Carolyn Weber of Tulsa, Oklahoma; and a host of additional grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was held on Tuesday, October 13 at Whitsell Funeral Home in Morganfield. Jackie Townsend officiated.

Burial was in Odd Fellows Cemetery in Boxville.

Plans Underway For Annual Veterans Day Program

The American Legion Post# 48 will conduct their annual Veterans Day program at the Breckenridge Museum on November 11, 2026, at 11:00 am.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend this program. The Veterans Day program will include the dedication of new bricks installed on the Walk of Honor. As of September, 257 bricks have been installed and the program continues to grow.

Veterans Day, originally known as Armistice Day, commemorates the temporary cessation of hostilities between the Allied nations and Germany on November 11, 1918, and the signing of the Treaty of Versailles later that year, bringing an end to World War I. In 1938, the USA declared Armistice Day a federal holiday. Although the war was not officially declared over until the Treaty of Versailles was signed, It is 11-11-11 (November 11, at 11:00 a.m.) that is remembered as the day World War I ended and peace was secured. After World War II and the Korean War concluded,

the day became known as Veterans Day, a day Americans pause to pay tribute to the country’s veterans. In 1954, under the leadership of President Dwight D. Eisenhower, the USA passed legislation that November 11, would become a day to honor

American veterans of all wars.

At this year’s Veterans Day program in Union County refreshments will be provided. Please join American Legion members in celebrating veterans and the 250th anniversary of this great nation.

-- PUBLIC NOTICE --

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that River View Coal, LLC, 1146 Monarch Street STE:350, Lexington, Kentucky 40513, has applied for Phase I II and III bond release on increment No. 2 and 4 and an administrative release of increment No. 3 of permit 913-0014, which was last issued on September 16th, 2026. The application covers an area of approximately 14.0 surface acres.

The permit area is near the intersection of State Route 1180 and State Route 359.

The bonds now in effect for the mentioned increments are surety bonds in the amount of \$225,000. 100% of the original bonds receiving release in the amount of \$225,000 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 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 14.0 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 9:00 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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