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they feel valued and supported throughout their journey."

More than 3,200 organizations across the country participated in this year's Military Friendly Schools survey. Ratings were determined by a variety of factors, including thresholds for recruitment, retention, academic progress, graduation rates, career placement and support services for veterans, transitioning service members and military spouses.

"Earning the Military Friendly designation is more than a badge of honor; it is a reflection of an institution's deep-rooted values and strategic commitment to those who served," said Kayla Lopez, vice president of memberships, Military Friendly. "These schools don't just open doors for veterans and military spouses, they build sustainable pathways for academic success and long-term impact. Their support is transformative, proving that investing in military-connected students is both a moral imperative and a standard for educational excellence."

EKU is home to over 1,900 veterans, active duty service members, Reserve/National Guard members and military spouses and children, as of Fall 2025.

The university offers several scholarship opportunities and programs aimed at helping veterans transition from military service to student life. EKU's OMVA assists students in navigating VA benefits and facilitates priority registration and specialized advising for veterans. The Veterans Education and Transition Support (VETS) Center on campus provides a centralized campus space for veterans and military service members. EKU awards educational credit for military training and reduces tuition for active-duty service members and their spouses.

Learn more about the services and resources available to students through EKU OMVA. To see the complete list of 2026-27 Military Friendly Schools, visit militaryfriendly.com.

BLESSING

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director, Behavioral Health. "Today's blessing is another meaningful milestone in this work. We are grateful for the caregivers who serve our patients and for everyone who has helped make this investment in behavioral health possible."

The blessing ceremony continues a series of ceremonies held as Baptist Health Corbin renovates and prepares its Behavioral Health spaces. Earlier ceremonies recognized the Adult Behavioral Health and Detox units. The Senior Psychiatric Unit will be the final Behavioral Health unit to complete the blessing ceremony series.

As work continues across the hospital's Behavioral Health spaces, the Adolescent Unit represents an important step forward in expanding and enhancing care for young people experiencing behavioral health needs.

"Behavioral health care is an essential part of the health and well-being of our community," Bruner-Breeding said. "We want every patient who comes through our doors — and every family who walks alongside them — to know they are not alone. We are committed to providing places where they can receive compassionate care and begin their journey toward healing."

The blessing offered today serves as a reminder of the purpose behind the work taking place at Baptist Health Corbin: caring for patients, supporting families and building a healthier future for the communities the hospital serves.

Super Crossword

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City of Corbin, Kentucky
Senior Citizen Renovation Project
Floodplain and Wetland Notice of Explanation
Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain

To: All interested Agencies, including all Federal, State, and Local, groups, and individuals:

This is to give notice that the City of Corbin, Kentucky, has conducted an evaluation as required by US Executive Order 11988 and Executive Order 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management, to determine the potential effect that its project in the floodplain and wetland will have on the human environment for the Corbin Senior Center Improvement Project under Contract 23-028. The proposed project is located at 409 Barbourville St, Corbin, KY 40701 in the City of Corbin, Whitley County, Kentucky.

The City of Corbin was awarded $351,000 from Community Block Development Grant funds as administered by the Kentucky Department of Local Government. This will be matched by $39,000 in funds from the City of Corbin for a full project cost of $390,000. The funding will be used to renovate the kitchen area of the Corbin Senior Citizen Center at the above address to facilitate providing training to seniors on preparing healthy foods at home and to prepare and provide meals to senior citizens via the senior meals program. In addition, the funding will be used to modify the side entrance concrete landing for an accessible ramp at side drive/parking area. The activities will include: replace current flooring with new vinyl composition tile throughout the kitchen area; replace current appliances with more efficient, updated appliances capable of handling the Center's needs; replace existing cabinets and countertops; modify the kitchen to provide a counter area wide enough to allow for training in cooking and meal preparation; minor electrical and plumbing changes required by the upgrades; and replace ceiling tiles. The only adjustment to the current footprint of the kitchen will be a minor expansion of a counter that will be widened into the current cafeteria space for the area needed to provide cooking training classes. Neither the overall footprint of the current Senior Citizen Center nor the overall capacity of the facility will change.

This site is shown in National Flood Hazard FIRMette map section 21235C0054E which is a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain/wetland. The City of Corbin has identified and evaluated practicable alternatives to locating the action within the identified flood plain and the potential impacts on the identified flood plain from the proposed action in accordance with HUD regulations as stated above. The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using the National Flood Hazard Layer FIRMette map developed and made available on the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) website. The map was retrieved from the FEMA website on August 4, 2026, and is available for review. The property where the Center is located is identified on the FEMA Flood Insurance Map as a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). SFHAs are defined as the area that will be inundated by a flood event having a 1-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year. The 1-percent annual chance flood is also referred to as the base flood or 100-year flood; within that definition, the Center falls in a Zone AE, one of the high-risk flood designations. Because neither aspect of the proposed project will expand the footprint or capacity of the current facility, nor involve disruption of any aspect of the floodplain including floodwater conveyance, erosion, water quality, flora and fauna habitat, and any intrinsic values including recreational, educational, scientific, historical, or cultural aspects, the City of Corbin has determined that this project will have no impact on the floodplain.

The City of Corbin has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values:

• **Building a new, larger facility outside the flood plain.**
Determination: This option was not deemed appropriate due to the high cost and because the current proposal will not have a negative impact on the floodplain.

• **Moving the facility to another available location outside of the floodplain.**
Determination: This option was not deemed appropriate given the high cost and the fact that the current proposal will not have a negative impact on the floodplain.

• **Abandon the project.**
Determination: This option was not deemed appropriate because the facility as is does not provide sufficient kitchen space to provide services the senior citizen clients need and want and because the current proposal will not have a negative impact on the floodplain.

The City of Corbin has re-evaluated the alternatives to building in the floodplain and has determined that it has no practicable alternative. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of Executive Orders 11988 and 11990 are available for public inspection, review, and copying upon request at the times and locations delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments.

This activity will have no significant impact on the environment for the following reasons:

All project activities will either take place within the interior of an existing facility or in a small, previously disturbed area at the side entrance to the facility. Work on the facility will not violate the Clean Air Act nor fall in an area within Kentucky which the state has identified as having potentially compromised air cleanliness. There is no evidence of contamination or toxic substances that will be used or disturbed by the project. The US Department of Fish and Wildlife has indicated that no endangered species, flora or fauna, will be threatened by this project. The project will comply with the city's local noise ordinance. There are no sole-source aquifers located within the vicinity of the project, nor are any rivers designated as Wild and Scenic located close by. The radon level check performed at the facility showed a level well below the 4 pCi/L that is the threshold at which the EPA and CDC strongly recommend taking action to reduce radon levels. All supporting documentation for these determinations will be available at the Corbin City Hall as outlined above.

Written comments must be received by the City of Corbin at the following addresses - 805 South Main Street, Corbin, KY 40701 or PO Box 1343, Corbin, KY 40702 – on or before December 8, 2026. If comments are delivered in person, they must be submitted between the hours of 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday to 805 South Main Street (Corbin City Hall). Comments may also be submitted via email to jacob.roan@corbin-ky.gov. All comments, whether delivered via mail or email, should be labeled ATTENTION: Suzie Razmus, Mayor. SUBJECT: Corbin Senior Citizen Center Environmental Review comments.