

Wall Street retreats from its record as stocks fall worldwide

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NEW YORK — U.S. stocks pulled back from their record on Wednesday.

The S&P 500 slipped 0.2%, a day after topping its prior all-time high set in August. The Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 341 points, or 0.7%, while the Nasdaq composite fell 0.2% from its own record.

Stocks felt pressure as yields swung in the bond market. The yield on the 10-year Treasury climbed as high as 5.36% in the morning, up from 5.27% late Tuesday and near its highest level since 2002.

Higher yields put downward pressure on prices for stocks and other investments. They can also slow the economy by making it more



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A general view shows the New York Stock Exchange on Aug. 7 in New York.

expensive for everyone to borrow money. But the 10-year yield eased back to 5.28% later in the day after the U.S. Treasury sold \$39 billion of 10-year Treasury notes at an auction, where the median yield was less than 5.26%.

Yields also swung with oil prices, which continue to yo-yo amid uncertainty

about when the war with Iran will allow the industry to return to normal.

The price for a barrel of Brent crude, the international standard, topped \$102 in the morning before falling back later in the day and eventually settling at \$100.20, down 0.4%. That's below the nearly \$110 it cost last

month, but it remains well above its \$72 price from before the war began.

The International Energy Agency said Wednesday that its members supported accelerating the release of oil from inventories that they announced earlier this year, with a particular emphasis on diesel fuel.

Also pushing up on bond yields are worries about how much debt the U.S. government and others worldwide have racked up, plus how much more they add to it by the day.

The head of the International Monetary Fund said Wednesday that record levels of debt for governments is one of the three major cross-currents driving where the global economy is

heading, along with artificial-intelligence technology and high energy prices.

"Some very tough political choices stare us in the face," IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva said in a speech in Singapore.

She pointed in particular to France and Italy, among other European countries with high debt.

France's CAC 40 stock index dropped 1.2% for one of the world's biggest losses after yields for French bonds got back to jumping amid worries about the government's debt and strained budget. Protests across France have raised pressure on the government to increase spending, which could add further to its debt.

On Wall Street, Worthington Steel fell 6.9% after the metals processing and manufacturing company reported weaker results for the latest quarter than analysts expected.

The pressure is on companies to deliver big growth in profits. Such strength would help to support stock prices when the other big lever that affects stock prices, interest rates, is pushing downward.

Analysts have high expectations for this upcoming earnings reporting season. They're forecasting growth in earnings per share of nearly 30%, according to FactSet. If companies fall short of that bar, stock prices could easily fall further from their record heights.

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NOTICE OF MASTER COMMISSIONER SALES

The Master Commissioner will offer for sale on or about the hour of 1:00 p.m. Thursday, October 22, 2026, at public auction to the highest bidder at the Marshall County Courthouse, 1101 Main Street, Benton, KY, the following described properties. For complete legal description and source of title see the Judgment and Order of Sale in each case.

At the time of sale, the successful bidder shall either pay full cash or make a deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. If the purchase price is not paid in full, the successful bidder shall execute a bond at the time of sale with sufficient surety to secure the unpaid balance of the purchase price. The bond shall bear interest at the rate the judgment bears from the date of sale until paid. In the event the successful bidder is the Plaintiff, then in lieu of the deposit the Plaintiff shall be allowed to bid on credit up to the judgment amount. The purchaser shall be responsible for ad valorem taxes due in the year 2026 and future years. The property will be sold subject to easements and restrictions of record and, if applicable, the right of redemption of the Defendant property owner(s) or the United States of America. The sale may be canceled and any announcements made at the sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein. The successful bidder has 10 days after the sale to examine title and file exceptions, if appropriate. The Master Commissioner does not have a key to or access to the inside of any property, does not have authority to grant anyone access to the property and does not warrant title.

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Case No. 25-CI-00219
Plaintiff: Everett Financial, Inc. dba Supreme Lending
Defendants: Dustin L. Frost et al
Property Address: 487 Justin Lane, Gilbertsville, KY
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Approximate Judgment Amount: \$113,224.44

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Defendants: Mohamed A. Mohamed et al
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PVA Map No.: 0C-05-05-025
Approximate Judgment Amount: \$226,559.02

Case No. 25-CI-00420
Plaintiff: Bank of America, N.A.
Defendants: Tiffanie Danielle Skaggs et al
Property Address: 55 W. 1st Street, Gilbertsville, KY
PVA Map No.: 0G-01-00-136
Approximate Judgment Amount: \$49,740.16

Case No. 25-CI-00368
Plaintiff: Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC
Third Party Plaintiff: Mid South Capital Partners, LP
Defendants: Eugene M. Tomica et al
Property Address: 142 Greenapple Drive, Gilbertsville, KY
PVA Map No.: 53-0H-02-093 and 53-0H-02-092.0B
Approximate Judgment Amount: \$313,484.02 and \$8,182.86

PUBLIC NOTICE

The second reading of a proposed Ordinance relating to the county budget will be held on October 26, 2026 at 9:00 A.M. in the Marshall County Fiscal Courtroom, 1101 Main St, Benton, KY. A copy of the proposed ordinance with full text is available for public inspection at the Office of the County Judge/Executive during normal business hours. Kevin Spraggs, Judge/Executive

2026 TAX COLLECTION SCHEDULE
MARSHALL COUNTY

Marshall County Sheriff Matt Hilbrecht will begin collecting the 2026 Property Taxes starting on November 1st. The Tax Collection Schedule is as follows:

	Starting Date	Ending Date
2% Discount	11/1/2026	11/30/2026
Face Amount	12/1/2026	12/31/2026
5% Penalty	01/01/2027	01/31/2027
10% Penalty + 10% Add-On	02/01/2027	close of business 04/15/2027

The City of Benton is seeking bids for the construction of a 40'x60'x14' post frame-enclosed building. The building site will be located at 1303 Hickory Street in Benton, KY.

Specs on the building are as follows and bid will include all materials and labor:

The building site will be on a level pad, prepared by owner before construction will begin.

- Dimension 40'x60'x14 (built on level site)
- 6" concrete pad with fiber mix
- 2 - 12'x12" insulated overhead doors with auto openers
- 2 - 36" fiberglass entry doors
- 6"x6" treated post 8'oc
- Engineered wood trusses 4'oc with a 4/12 pitch and 12" overhang
- Sidebands SYP 2"x6" 2'oc
- Roof Purlins SYP 2"x4" 2'oc
- Headers 2"x12" double top plates
- Insulation: Pro shield on roof and walls
- Metal: #1 29-gauge painted with a lifetime warranty
- Soffit: solid metal on all overhangs
- 120" trench drain
- 10'x8' Bathroom with shower, sink, & toilet
- 6'x8' Mechanical room with water heater, utility sink, & wall hydrant

Bids may be dropped off at Benton City Hall at 1009 Main Street during regular business hours of Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or emailed to ssanderson@cityofbenton.org. Deadline for bids is Friday, October, 23 at 4:00 P.M.

All interested contractors must have the following: Current business license for the City of Benton, general liability insurance and workers comp insurance.

The City of Benton reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive any informalities or technicalities therein.

The City of Benton does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provisions of services.

Stephen Sanderson
Chief of Police

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Defew's Body Shop located at 979 U.S. Highway 68 East, Benton KY 42025, hereby gives notice to Kenterrius Wallace, owner of the 2021 Maxima SV, VIN#1N4AA6CV2MC506564. The vehicle will be sold October 12, 2026.

NOTICE OF FILING

On September 29, 2026, Big Rivers Electric Corporation filed its 2026 Integrated Resource Plan with the Kentucky Public Service Commission in Case No. 2026-00268. This filing includes Big Rivers' most recent load forecasts, and a description of the existing and planned conservation programs, load management programs, and power supplies it intends to use to meet forecasted requirements in a reliable manner at the lowest possible cost. Any interested person may review the plan, submit written questions to the utility, and file written comments on the plan.

Any person interested in participating in the review of this Integrated Resource Plan should, within ten (10) days of the publication of this notice submit a motion to intervene to Executive Director, Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

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