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Gov. Beshear Expands Pre-K Pilot Programs to Frankfort and Glasgow

PROGRAMS NOW IN BARREN, FRANKLIN, ROBERTSON AND ROCKCASTLE COUNTIES

On Tuesday, Gov. Andy Beshear announced the expansion of the Pre-K Pilot Programs to Franklin County Schools and Glasgow Independent Schools, bringing the total school districts served through the program to four. Since May, the Governor and his administration have increased childcare access for nearly 3,000 additional children across the commonwealth through two major announcements.

"Kentucky's children deserve the very best start, and Pre-K for All will deliver that and more by also helping parents save money, boosting our workforce and supporting businesses," said Gov. Beshear. "I am proud that, through this program and our Team Kentucky Early Learning Center, we're expanding access for nearly 3,000 children across our state. This is progress we intend to build on, because we know our families and businesses need it."

After receiving approval from the local school boards on Monday, Franklin County Schools and Glasgow Independent Schools will join Robertson and Rockcastle counties in the Pre-K Pilot Program. These full-day pilots serve as a first step in a phased, responsible path toward every Kentucky child having access to pre-K, with curricula beginning for the 2026-2027 school year.

Mark Kopp, superintendent of Franklin County Schools, and Chad Muhlenkamp, superintendent of Glasgow Independent Schools, joined the Governor for the announcement along with children from both districts.

"I'm so proud to stand here today as superintendent of Franklin County Schools. Over the next two years this pilot will serve over a thousand students in our community," said Kopp. "Think about that: That's a thousand kids that will have reduced behavioral issues and disciplinary issues and less that will be chronically absent. This is not a hypothesis or an educated guess. Decades of research and the example of states around us show that kids that attend high-quality preschool programs, like the one we're launching today, do better and go further. Pre-K is the one thing that we can point to that has a lasting and immediate impact."

"I'm honored and excited that Glasgow Independent School District has been selected to lead the way on this initiative," said Muhlenkamp. "In Kentucky right now, fewer than half of the kids come to kindergarten ready to learn. Preschool is the single most effective way for every child to get the start they need. We know from study after study, and our own personal experience, that the first five years are crucial. Programs like this help all students have the reading, math and social skills they need to start school. This initiative will put a stop to that gap before it begins."

In May, Gov. Beshear signed an executive order launching the Team Kentucky Pre-K Pilot Program in the first two counties. The Governor also announced the September opening of the Team Kentucky Early Learning Center, set to serve executive branch state employees.

Leading up to the 2026-2027 budget session, Pre-K for All received widespread support from local, business and education leaders, as well as parents and families from across Kentucky. Support letters were sent directly to the General Assembly, including:

- A letter from more than 150 business owners from across the commonwealth;
- A letter from 93 school superintendents representing over half of Kentucky's school districts;
- A letter from 46 local and regional chambers of commerce and their presidents;
- A letter from the Kentucky Association of School Administrators (KASA), which represents 3,300 education leaders across the state; and
- Three letters from 63 county judge/executives, 34 mayors and the Kentucky Association of School Superintendents (KASS).

Since the initiative was launched in May 2025, over 66,000 Kentuckians wrote to their state legislators asking them to support expanding access to preschool. Following numerous town halls held by Team Kentucky across the state, nearly 90% of participants voiced their support for more funding for Pre-K for All.

To learn more, visit prek4all.ky.gov.

Medicaid Nurse Aide Program at MCTC ranks #1 in KY

Maysville Community and Technical College continues to show excellence in nursing assistant training, ranking number one in Kentucky for 2026 on Research.com.

"This is a reflection of MCTC's commitment to providing high-quality, hands-on healthcare education that prepares students for success," said Jacquelyn Tumlin, program coordinator for the Medicaid Nurse Aide (MNA) program. "It affirms the meaningful impact not only on our students, but also on the healthcare workforce and the communities we serve."

With nursing aide instructors who bring extensive healthcare experience to the college, students are exposed to the knowledge and skills that are necessary in providing hands-on care to long-term care patients.

"Our staff and faculty work diligently to ensure students have the support they need to succeed, and our students embrace the challenge and consistently strive to achieve excellence in the classroom and in the clinical setting," Tumlin said.

Being ranked the top nursing assistant training program in the state instills confidence in prospective students when choosing where to pursue their credentials.

"We are honored to receive this recognition. It reflects the hard work and dedication of our faculty, staff, students, and healthcare partners. We look forward to continuing to prepare students to become compassionate, confident healthcare professionals who are ready to make a difference in the lives of those whom they serve," Tumlin said. For more information on the nursing aide program, go to https://maysville.kctcs.edu.

About MCTC

Maysville Community and Technical College is a two-year college that has been serving the region since 1968. As part of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, MCTC provides education and training close to where people live and work. To learn more about the programs of study at MCTC, visit www.maysville.kctcs.edu.

Paris man remains jailed on Domestic Violence, Strangulation Charges

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Corey D. Cordray, 33, of Harmon Street, Paris, Ky., remains lodged in the Bourbon County Detention Center on a $25,000.00 cash bond, and is scheduled for a status hearing in Nicholas County Circuit Court on Monday, Aug. 3, 2026, at 9:00am.

Mr. Cordray was arrested on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, by Kentucky State Police – Post 06 Trooper D. Campbell, and charged with one count of Assault, 4th Degree (Domestic Violence) Minor Injury; and one count of Strangulation, 2nd Degree (Domestic Violence Related).

According to the Uniform Citation, on April 28, 2026, at approximately 4:17pm, Kentucky State Police received a call from Nicholas County Dispatch. Dispatch informed KSP that there was an active

Photo courtesy of Bourbon County Detention Center
Corey D. Cordray

domestic at an address on Stoney Creek Road. Dispatch informed Post 6 Dispatch that the caller was a female victim and that there was a domestic altercation between her and her boyfriend.

The female victim stated that her and her boyfriend, Corey Cordray, got into an argument. She stated that Corey grabbed a knife during the argument and came at her with this knife. She said that she told Corey to put the knife down and he threw the knife in the sink. She said that Corey then went and sat back on the couch for a short period of time, then got back up and came after her again. She said that this time Corey threw her against the fridge, threw her down on the ground and strangled her until she almost passed out.

Mr. Cordray stated that the female threw something at him the night before. Corey said that when she threw something at him, he told her he would never come back if she did it again. Corey stated that he never got physical with the female, and that he was only holding her back. Corey stated that he never strangled the female.

The female had visual signs of bruising and injury on her face, shoulder, neck, chest, legs, and collarbone area. The injuries were photographed.

All persons are to be presumed innocent until proven guilty or pleading guilty in a court of law.

Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park to celebrate 250th anniversary of the United States

Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park is excited to announce a series of programs that will take place at the historic battlefield, near the Pioneer Museum, on Aug. 12, 2026, starting at 11:45am.

To celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States this year and the role Blue Licks played in the Revolutionary War, there are many things the park has planned.

They will have chairs for guests under a shaded area, and nearby parking will be available, as well as a few golf carts for transport for those who need assistance. Please look for staff members and directional signs.

The schedule for the day is as follows:

11:45 a.m. – BAND w/ PATRIOTIC SONGS NEAR SEATING AREA.

Starting at Noon, they will have the following line-up:

Program #1 - SAR, GEORGE MASON CHAPTER COLOR GUARD... Segment #1 – WELCOME W/

Photo courtesy of Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park Facebook page

PARK MANAGER MELINDA LIGHTNER... Segment #2 - LOCAL LEADERS OFFER REMARKS... Segment #3 - REMARKS w/FRIENDS GROUP CHAIRPERSON P. HUNTER

Program # 2 - 18TH CENTURY MUSIC W/JON HAGGEE

Program #3 and #4 – MORE DETAILS TO COME

Program #5 - DAR TIME CAPSULE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hosts: Park Naturalist Matthew Dollar and Recreation Leader Kendyl Beckett

After the commencement of all staged presentations, a time capsule placement, with DAR member Martha Taylor, will occur near the Pioneer Museum.

This is a free event and just before most schools are in session, so bring the family for a celebration of Blue Licks history!

Look for more details soon on the Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park Facebook page or at https://parks.ky.gov/events. See ya there!

Notice to Robertson County Taxpayers

Joanie Jolly, Robertson County Clerk pursuant to KRS 424.130, announces that the 2025 Delinquent Real Property Tax Bills (Certificate of Delinquency) will be published in the Carlisle Mercury on July 23rd, 2026. The list of Certificates of Delinquency is also available for public inspection during the hours of 8am-4pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday and 8am-12pm on Wednesday at the County Clerk's office located at 26 Court Street, Mt. Olivet, KY. This list may also be inspected on the Software Management website. The Uniform Resource Locater (URL) of the website is kydtax.smllc.us. The tax sale wil be held on August 25th beginning at 10:30. All interested participants must register with the County Clerk's office by the close of business on August 15, 2026. Please contact the County Clerk's office if you need additional information about the tax sale. Please note: All payments must be received in the County Clerk's office prior to the tax sale date listed in this advertiseement. Payments received after the tax sale has been conducted will be returned without exception. Some delinquencies - although they have been advertised - will be excluded from the tax sale in accordance with the provisions of KRS 134.504(10)(b). If you have any questions, please contact the County Clerk's office at 606-724-5212.

Bill#	YearType	Owner Name	Property Address	Map ID	Amount Due 7/14/2026
33	2025R	ALL IN HOUSING LLC	80 S MAIN	33-4-132	396.42
53	2025R	ARMSTRONG, JESSIE	128 HIDDEN ACRES	33-11.13	1919.07
71	2025R	BACK, CHRISTOPHER	1175 BATTE LN	2-7	749.49
119	2025R	BLANKENSHIP, EVERETT	1385 HARDING ROAD	7-27.7T	215.49
166	2025R	BUCKLER, TONY	1147 MT PLEASANT/KY 616 S	42-13T	572.98
191	2025R	BURNS, MILLARD EST	0 KY	617 36-41	90.80
212	2025R	CARDENAS, JAVIER	174 DRYDEN LN	50-2.12	578.47
352	2025R	D'ACCIAIO, ROXIE J. & BONNIE	0 MANN LN	36-51	639.17
413	2025R	EARLYWINE, ANTHONY	2666 THOMAS PIKE/ KY 1476	27-17.1	2772.27
492	2025R	FOOKS, TROY	198 HARDING RD	7-11	480.29
494	2025R	FOWLER, JUSTIN	278 BRIERLY RIDGE RD	33-44	308.16
500	2025R	FREDERICK, LEBUS	1270 HARDING RD	7-18	374.37
502	2025R	FREDERICK, RICKY	307 PIQUA LN	36-14	219.90
510	2025R	FRENCH, MELVIN	0 KENTONTOWN ROAD	2-15.2	286.09
518	2025R	FRYMAN, KENNY	500 N MAIN	33-4-31	153.68
703	2025R	HICKS, RABEN	304 DUNCAN RD/ US 62W	6-4.2	815.72
775	2025R	ISAAC, SARAH	487 487 & 509 W WALNUT	33-2-2	1808.74
776	2025R	ISAAC, SARAH A	986 CEDAR CREEK	27-24	1698.41
791	2025R	JETT, KEVIN	63 BENTLEY CT	33-4-143	1644.90
876	2025R	KNIPPER, VICTOR	140 N MAIN	33-4-60	453.82
904	2025R	LINVILLE, ROBERT EST	0 KENTONTOWN ROAD	12-10	219.90
1016	2025R	MCKENZIE, RANDY	1075 BRIERLY RIDGE RD	32-13	153.68
1035	2025R	MERIDA, GANDHI B	67 S MAIN	33-4-130	164.76
1050	2025R	MILLER, KATHY	0 W WALNUT	33-2-13.1	283.89
1177	2025R	OLD NATIONAL BANK	181 E WALNUT ST	33-4-86.1	632.56
1186	2025P	PAUL JONES TRUCKING LLC	6546 KENTONTOWN ROAD		7057.06
1204	2025R	PILOSKY, TAMMY	85 MANN RD	35-22	1543.94
1268	2025R	RANKIN, BARBARA	4377 MT PLEASANT ROAD	44-37	208.90
1280	2025R	REED, RYAN	0 BATTE LANE	2-17	109.54
1540	2025R	THORPE, PAUL R	2633 BRIDGEVILLE RD/KY 875	39-5	374.37
1560	2025R	TOWLES, CURTIS	1385 HARDING ROAD	7-27.9T	166.95
1564	2025R	TUEL, KELSEY	84 N MAIN	33-4-69	1741.43
1587	2025R	VAUGHT, GREGORY	0 MANN LN	36-52	396.42
1613	2025R	WALLER, JOSEPH	1046 SARDIS ROAD	41-9.1	1588.07
1623	2025R	WATSON, GENEVA EST.	1697 LOUDERBACK LN	11-18T	219.90
1713	2025R	ZEIGLER, BO	1385 HARDING ROAD	7-27.4T	186.80

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