

CASA of the Heartland to host Recruitment Summit

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CASA of the Heartland is set to host its first-ever Recruitment Summit from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 20 at American Legion Post 113 in Elizabethtown.

The event will highlight CASA’s mission to recruit, train and support community volunteers who serve as advocates for abused, neglected and dependent children within the family court system. Attendees will learn about how they can make a lasting impact through volunteerism with CASA of the Heartland.

The evening will feature a presentation from CASA highlighting the organization’s impact and volunteer opportunities, along with a judges’ panel of Family and District Court Judges offering

their perspectives on working with CASA. A panel of current volunteers will also share personal experiences and insights from their service. Attendees will gain a clear understanding of the training process, time commitment and the powerful difference one advocate can make in a child’s life. Complimentary food, drinks and desserts will also be provided.

Originally serving only Hardin County, CASA of the Heartland has since expanded to also serve LaRue, Meade, Breckinridge and Grayson counties. Volunteers remain at the heart of the organization’s mission. For many abused and neglected children, a CASA volunteer is often the one consistent adult in their lives — someone solely dedicated to advocating for their best interests and ensuring their voices are heard.

“Whether you’re considering becoming a volunteer advocate or simply want to better understand the role CASA plays in our community, this event is a wonderful opportunity to learn and connect,” said CASA of the Heartland Executive Director Michelle Kail. “We invite the community to discover how CASA makes a difference for children in need.”

Admission to the event is free, but registration is required. The deadline to register is Monday, Oct. 13. To register, visit secure.qgiv.com/for/coth/event/casaconnects.

To get involved with CASA of the Heartland or to learn more about its mission, visit casaheartland.org or call 270-982-2274.

Post offices to close Oct. 13 in observance of Columbus Day

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Retail services at post offices across Kentucky will be closed on Monday, Oct. 13, in recognition of the Columbus Day holiday. There will be no mail delivery to street or Post Office Box addresses, except for Priority Mail Express.

All services will resume on Tuesday, Oct. 14. Customers requiring

postal services can use the Self-Service Kiosk (SSK) available at select post offices. The ATM-like kiosk, which accepts debit and credit cards only, can handle 80 percent of the transactions conducted at the retail counter such as buying stamps or shipping a package.

To find SSK locations or check hours of operation, customers can go to www.usps.com.

Lawmakers receive affordable housing trust fund update

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Legislators on the Kentucky Housing Task Force 2025 recently received an update from advocates of modernizing the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

Rep. Steve Bratcher, R-Elizabethtown, said home ownership is one of the fastest ways to wealth and stability for Kentuckians and Americans. He testified with Adrienne Bush, executive director of the Frankfort-based Homeless and Housing Coalition of Kentucky, and Scott McReynolds, executive director of the Hazard-based Housing Development Alliance.



David Michael Hargis
Rep. Steve Bratcher, R-Elizabethtown, speaks during a meeting of the Kentucky Housing Task Force 2025.

around \$50,000.

Bush said the fund is flexible and covers single family home construction, emergency repairs to preserve existing homes and rental development for duplexes and apartments.

The Kentucky Housing Corp. awards funds through annual competitive grant applications to nonprofit developers based on local community needs, she said.

In 2007, the General Assembly adopted a permanent funding source through real estate transfers. The trust fund receives money through a \$6 transaction fee per deed transfer and \$6 per mortgage recording fee. Bush said there is no recurring appropriation from the

biennial budget, and over the last three years, the fees have only generated \$3-4 million annually.

“And what we’ve seen as the housing market inventory has tightened, receipts have steadily declined, from a high of \$5.8 million,” Bush said.

McReynolds said the Housing Development Alliance serves residents of Perry, Knott, Leslie and Breathitt counties, and the demand for its services is high.

“The future is even scarier for us. Even if we could wave a magic wand and plug the housing supply gap today, we’d have to continue to build 360 houses a year until 2029 in order to meet the expected supply gap,” he said.

McReynolds said the trust

fund has proven to be a critical piece of funding for many reasons. He said the funding is flexible, not burdened by federal regulations and it can provide the local match that’s required for federal projects.

“The trust fund is a Kentucky program controlled by Kentuckians for Kentucky,” he said.

Bratcher said everyone agrees there’s a housing shortage, and he said the trust fund can play an important role to improve the situation.

“This is one option of many that we could use to try to fix this housing shortage and to get people that are hard-working Kentuckians into affordable housing,” he said.

Rep. Joshua Watkins, D-Louisville, said he’s a realtor and has worked in housing development for approximately 15 years. He asked if states where indexing or one-time adjustments have been enacted received complaints from industry stakeholders or others regarding affordability.

Bush said she was not aware of complaints, but said she’s not in the other states.

“I will say with Ohio, they are both capturing the fees the way we are in Kentucky, but they’re also appropriating

money through their general fund. It is like a combination of both,” she said.

House Majority Whip Jason Nemes, R-Middletown, asked about who decides where the funds go. He said Oldham and Shelby counties haven’t received any funding.

Bush said there may be some counties where there isn’t a Habitat for Humanity or someone with the capacity or interest in developing in that county.

“As someone who runs a statewide organization, I want to see these resources deployed statewide as well. I think Kentucky Housing Corp. in receiving these applications has to make tough decisions around how they send a limited pool of money,” she said.

Nemes said he wants to make sure the money will be distributed to all places.

Sen. Jimmy Higdon, R-Lebanon, asked about smaller homes.

“Do you all see yourself adapting to small homes and stretching those dollars further?” he asked.

McReynolds said his organization is starting a project dubbed, “the not so tiny home” that would produce one-bedroom houses that are approximately 600 square feet for people who are flood survivors and have very limited income.

Lawmakers can’t act on legislation until the 2026 Regular Session begins in January or if the governor calls a special session.

The next task force meeting is scheduled for Oct. 20 at 1 p.m.

KPR Lincoln Trail Chapter members learn about estate planning

SUBMITTED

Lincoln Trail Chapter members of the Kentucky Public Retirees recently learned about estate planning.

Guest speaker Cynthia Griffin, an elder law and estate planning attorney with Burnett & Griffin, PLLC, spoke about estate planning services. She distributed an overview of her presentation, which included a planning assessment worksheet for use by members.

The chapter's next meeting will be at 11:30 a.m. on Oct. 13 at the Golden Corral, located at 1835 N. Dixie Ave. in Elizabethtown,

Ky. The guest speaker will be Brienna Thornton, of Encompass Health of Lakeview. The speaker for the Nov. 10 meeting will be Mat Brandenburg, of Dignity Memorial.

Please mark your calendars for a change in meeting location and date for the December meeting. It will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Dec. 15 (the third Monday) at Shoney's. Be sure to wear your KPR shirts!

Retirees (and spouses) receiving retirement benefits from KERS, CERS, or SPRS are welcome to attend. Membership information will be available at the meeting



Courtesy photo


Front row, from left: Sandy Allen, Gaby Hunter, and Leslie Humphrey. Back row, from left: Dave Hart, Ken Gibson, Sheila Gibson, Donna Hart, speaker Cynthia Griffin, Joyce McHodgkins, Patsy Pruitt, and Marlena Brown.

or on the website kentuckypublicretirees.org. POC: Sandy Allen, 270-307-0061.



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KPR-LT Vice-President Linda Funk, left, and speaker Cynthia Griffin, of Burnett & Griffin, PLLC.



LEGAL NOTICE

GRAYSON COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

This is a public notice for the Grayson County Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting occurring November 13th at 1303 Brandenburg Road, Leitchfield, KY 42754. The committee is opening up a section in the meeting for public comment/questions at approximately 12:45 pm. There will be an opportunity for the public to ask questions and provide comment. If you wish to speak at the meeting, please send an email or call our office so we can add you to the list. Phone: (270) 971-1763 or Email: csimgcgm@gmail.com.

Pursuant to Section 324, Title III of the 1986 Federal Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) of 1986, 42 U.S.C. 11001 et seq., the following information is provided in compliance with the Community Right-to-Know requirements of the SARA Law, and the open meetings and open records provisions of KRS 61.800, 61.805, 61.810, 61.823, 61.826, and 61.835. Members of the public may contact the Grayson County Emergency Planning Committee by writing David Strader, Chairman of the Grayson County Emergency Planning Committee, 130 E. Market Street, Leitchfield, Kentucky 42754, or contacted by telephone at (270) 971-1763. The Grayson County Emergency Planning Committee conducts meetings at 130 E. Market Street, or at other locations, in accordance with the Kentucky Open Meetings Law. Members of the public may request to be notified of regular or special meetings as provided in KRS 61.820. Records of the Planning Committee, including the county emergency response plan, material safety data sheets, and inventory forms, or any follow-up emergency notices as may subsequently be issued, are open for inspection, and members of the public who wish to review these records may do so 8AM to 4PM CST, Monday through Friday at 130 E. Market Street, as required by the Kentucky Open Records Law. The local 24-hour telephone number for purposes of emergency notification, as required by the SARA Law, is (270) 259-0303.

ESTATE SETTLEMENT

AUCTION

ONLINE BIDDING ONLY ENDS TUES. OCT. 14TH @ 4:00 & 6:00 PM CDT

LOCATED IN BRECKINRIDGE COUNTY at 1088 Lake Forest Lane, Westview, KY 40178. From Harned, KY take Hwy 259 south for 9.6 miles to McCoy Roff Road, turn left and go 1.7 miles to Lake Forest Lane, turn left and follow 1.1 miles to the real estate on the right. (signs posted)

BARR REALTY & AUCTION CO., INC. has been selected by the Stephan Isaac Estate, Kevin Isaac and Cynthia Stevenson, co-administrators, to conduct this online estate auction. Auctioneers Mark Barr, Stephen Barr, Jamie Barr, Chris Barr, Dennie Armes, Evan Barr, Eric Barr, and Apprentice Jacob Henning with offices in Hardinsburg and Brandenburg, KY.

ONLINE BIDDING ONLY ENDS TUES. OCT. 14TH @ 4:00 PM CDT

ROUGH RIVER LAKE LAKEFRONT HOME ATTACHED GARAGE • LOT



Going on the auction block, selling by online bidding only, will be a Rough River Lake lakefront 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom home with the main floor having 1,337 sq. ft. (per PVA) and consisting of 2 bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen, dining area, family room, and access to upper level partially covered screened in deck. The full finished basement has 1,218 sq. ft. (per PVA) and consists of 2 bedrooms, bathroom, large family room, large utility room, and access to the lower level back deck. The home has 2 HVAC systems (one electric furnace for the main floor and one 1.p gas furnace for the basement), 2 central air units, laminate, tile, carpet flooring, and Hardinsburg city water service. Recent updates include a new metal roof on the home in 2024, new metal roof on deck porch, new screened enclosure on covered deck in 2020, and main floor bathroom walk in shower with tile surround installed in 2023. Additional amenities include a one car garage, concrete driveway, mature shade, and 2 boat dock slips on a community dock. The home and improvements are situated on lot 16 and part of lot 15 being approximately 0.33 acres in Lake Forest Subdivision just minutes from the North Fork, Axtel and Rough River Dam State Resort Park communities. **INSPECTION:** The real estate will be available for inspection on Wednesday, October 8th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM CDT and Tuesday, October 14th from 1:00 to 4:00 PM CDT at 1088 Lake Forest Lane, Westview, KY 40178. If you need help registering or placing a bid give us a call at 270-422-2136 or 270-756-2136.

ONLINE BIDDING ONLY ENDS TUES. OCT. 14TH @ 6:00 PM CDT

2005 CORVETTE • 2020 HONDA UTV • TRAILER

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Going on the auction block, selling by online bidding only, will be a 2005 Chevrolet Corvette LS2, 6L V8 engine, 43,264 miles showing; 2020 Honda 700 Pioneer 4 side by side, 4x4, gas engine, winch, 4 seater, 357/4.115 miles showing; 18 ft. tandem axle utility trailer w/loading gate; Browning fireproof gun safe; Steepleton pool table, stainless steel refrigerator; front load washer and dryer; bedroom furniture; couch; loveseat, recliners; reclining love seat; corner cabinets; rugs; kitchenware; iron skillets; glassware; beer signs and lights; bar stools; straight back chairs; patio furniture; aluminum ext. ladder; fishing poles and supplies; gas generators; tools; fireproof file cabinets; and misc. items. **INSPECTION FOR CORVETTE, HONDA PIONEER, AND TRAILER:** The Corvette, Honda Pioneer, and trailer will be available for inspection at the Barr Realty & Auction Co., Inc. Hardinsburg office located at 1111 Old Highway 60 E. Hardinsburg, KY 40143 Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM CDT starting Monday, October 6th, 2025. For full terms, conditions, photos, inspection, and payment information, see BarrRealtyAuction.com. A 10% buyers premium will apply.

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