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## Training facility named in honor of Jody Cash

RICHMOND, Ky. (April 28, 2025) – Monday, Gov. Andy Beshear was joined by members of the Cash family, the Kentucky law enforcement community and the Department of Criminal Justice Training (DOCJT) to officially open the doors to the new law enforcement training facility named in honor of Jody Cash,

who lost his life in the line of duty May 16, 2022, while serving as chief deputy of the Calloway County Sheriff's Office.

"Today we are here to remember Chief Deputy Jody Cash and honor his legacy by dedicating this new training facility," Gov. Beshear said. "I'm grateful for our partners who helped make this

project happen, and my family and I are praying for the safety of each recruit and officer who passes through these doors."

The Beshear administration broke ground on the Jody Cash Multipurpose Training Facility in July 2023. The facility is a 42,794-square-foot facility with a 50-yard, 30-lane firing range

designed for officers to learn intensive and specialized training that will support training all of Kentucky's law enforcement agencies.

"This state-of-the-art facility will provide recruits and students with the advanced training they need to face the evolving challenges of law enforcement," said Department of Criminal

Justice Training Commissioner Mike Bosse. "By equipping our officers with the skills and experience necessary to protect and serve, we will create a safer Kentucky for generations to come."

Jody Cash's father, Wayne Cash, spoke of a life well-lived by Deputy Cash and recognized the recruits who will be-

come tomorrow's heroes in his son's honor: "Our hope is that the training received in this new facility will enable everyone who passes through it to do their job safely, efficiently and courteously and return safely to their family at the end

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## "Kids Art in the Park" set for June 7



Kids Art in the Park, photo above, will be held at Calvert City's Memorial Park on June 7. - Photo by Blair Travis.

### Young artists and entrepreneurs invited for a day of creativity and innovation

Get ready for a day of creativity, innovation, and fun at Kids Art in the Park! Hosted by the City of Calvert City and the Calvert Area Development Association, this free, half-day event will take place at Calvert City Memorial Park on Friday, June 7, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Designed to spark creativity in young minds, Kids Art in the Park offers an immersive experience in the fine arts with hands-on workshops, a Kids' Business Fair, live youth performances, and much more.

"Kids Art in the Park is all about inspiring the next generation to think creatively and dream big," said Blair Travis, Director of Marketing and Business Development for the City of Calvert City. "We're excited to create a space where children can express themselves, explore their talents, and even take their first steps into entrepreneurship."

Event Highlights Include: Kids Business Fair: Support young entrepreneurs as kids (ages 17 and under) sell a variety of handmade products and services,

from face painting and jewelry to bath bombs and original artwork. Attendees are encouraged to bring cash to shop and support over 30 young business owners.

Live Youth Performances: Calling all talented kids! Performers (ages 17 and under) are invited to showcase their skills; from singing and poetry reading to telling jokes, ventriloquism, and beyond.

Arts & Crafts Workshops: Children will rotate through five hands-on workshops led by community leaders, exploring various artistic

mediums and participating in community art projects.

Registration Information: Those interested in participating in the Kids' Business Fair or live entertainment must register by Friday, May 23.

For more information or to register, call (270) 395-7138 or email info@calvertcityky.gov.

Come out and celebrate the creativity of Calvert City's youngest residents during a day filled with art, imagination, and community spirit!

## Lake Chem expands service area across western Kentucky

Lake Chem Community Federal Credit Union, a leading community-focused financial institution, today announced a major expansion of its charter, allowing it to serve persons who live, work, worship, or attend school in, and businesses and other legal entities located in Ballard, Caldwell, Calloway, Carlisle, Crittenden, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Livingston, Lyon, Marshall, and Trigg Counties, Kentucky. This

expansion marks a significant milestone in Lake Chem's commitment to providing accessible and affordable financial services to a broader community.

The expanded charter, approved by the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA), will enable Lake Chem to offer its full range of financial products and services, including checking and savings accounts, loans, mortgages, and financial education resources, to all of Western Kentucky.

"The success of a credit union is not measured in profit, but in the well-being of its members and the strength of its community.", said Connie Evans,

CEO of Lake Chem. "This expansion will allow us to better serve our members and provide better lending options and resources for our community. As a not-for-profit financial institution, we operate on a "people helping people" philosophy, and we are excited to expand our charter to help even more people."

This expansion comes as a result of the credit union's strong financial performance and its desire to meet the growing needs of the community.

"As we have grown, specifically in the past few years, we have seen the demand for banking that isn't robotic and cold," added Jessica Adams, Marketing Director. "People want someone on

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## KY has second case of measles, kindergarten vaccination rates drop

By Melissa Patrick  
Kentucky Health News  
Public health officials continue to urge Kentuckians to ensure their children are immunized against measles, as they announced the state's second confirmed measles case in 2025. The case was a child who was traveling through the state when they sought treatment, according to a news release. The child, who is not a U.S. resident, was diagnosed at a health care facility in Kentucky, which is why the case is counted as a Kentucky incident.

The Kentucky Department for Public Health says the health care facility adhered to strict safety protocols, thus eliminating the risk of spread to other patients.

"There are no other cases and no risks of exposure to Kentuckians associated with this case," according to the release.

A Cabinet for Health and Family Services spokeswoman told the Kentucky Lantern Friday that the child was "unvaccinated, school-aged and is no longer in Kentucky."

The first case of mea-

sles in Kentucky in 2025 was reported in February. This case occurred in a resident who had recently traveled internationally to an area with ongoing measles transmission. The state health department reports there were no other confirmed cases associated with the February measles case.

Measles could become endemic again

Kentucky's latest case of measles comes as new research from Stanford University, published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, found that "at current

state-level vaccination rates, measles may become endemic again" in two decades, meaning it would become a common disease again.

Further, the study estimated there would be 11.1 million cases of measles over the next 25 years if vaccination rates for the disease drop 10% and 51.2 million cases over the next 25 years if childhood vaccination rates were cut in half.

The estimates are based on a simulation of what would happen in the U.S. under various vaccination rates for children.

The researchers add that small declines in measles vaccination would cause this to happen more quickly, whereas small increases in vaccine coverage would prevent this.

Senior author Dr. Nathan Lo, assistant professor of infectious diseases at Stanford Medicine, encouraged parents who aren't sure about vaccination to discuss this with their health care provider.

"With measles, we're right on the cusp. Increasing vaccination levels by just 5% brings the number of mea-

sles cases down, safely away from returning to endemic levels," Lo said in a news release. "These are the kinds of small percentages that can really be a tipping point. It's empowering that a small segment of the population can make a difference here."

State's kindergarten vaccine rates drop

The most recent assessment of Kentucky kindergarten vaccines for the 2024-2025 school year, released Thursday, April 24, shows immu-

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