

State targets illegal catfish harvest and sales

FRANKFORT — Game Wardens with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources on Sept. 12, 2025, served multiple search warrants following a seven-month statewide investigation into the illegal commercial harvest and sale of catfish.

From Paducah to Ashland, Kentucky Game Wardens executed 10 search warrants as part of “Operation River Raid”, a coordinated statewide enforcement effort. The investigation focused on individuals and entities suspected of violating state law governing commercial fishing and the sale of wildlife.

At this time, the investigation remains active and ongoing. Further details, including the names of those facing charges along with evidence seizures, will be released at a later date.

Illegally harvesting wildlife threatens Kentucky’s natural resources, undermines lawful commercial and recreational fishing, and harms the economic stability of local

communities.

“We will not allow the illegal exploitation of resources inhabiting Kentucky’s rivers and lakes to go unanswered,” said Col. Jeremy McQueary, director of Law Enforcement for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. “This operation demonstrates our commitment to protecting both the resource and the public who depend on it.”

“I am very proud of the dedication of our game wardens and their relentless effort to protect our state’s wildlife. I’m also grateful for the help of other agency staff and the Kentucky Office of the Attorney General who assisted in this complex operation, and the public for its ongoing support in protecting Kentucky’s natural resources.”

This case remains under investigation and members of the public with information regarding illegal fishing activity are encouraged to report it through the Kentucky Wildlife Tip Line at 1-800 25 ALERT or via the KFWLaw App using Tip411.

Volleyball Knights beat Taylor

BY DOUG THOMAS
SPECIAL TO THE ENTERPRISE

Sophomore Ella Marrett smashed 24 kills as Marion County defeated Taylor County in impressive fashion and improved to 7-1 on the season Thursday.

The Lady Knights picked up two key district wins on the week against the Lady Cards and Campbellsville behind their superior trio of front row hitters.

Marion County ended Taylor County’s regular season dominance with its own hitting and defense in earning a four-set victory on Tuesday in the Roby Dome.

The Lady Cards built a 21-14 margin in the opening set and it appeared to be business as usual until Marion County mounted a comeback to trim the lead. Taylor County held on to win the first set 25-23, but the momentum clearly shifted to the home team as the array of Marion County hitters started to heat up in the second stanza.

Marion County pounded out 15 kills in the second set, winning 25-18, to set the tone for the remainder of the contest. The Lady Knights’ size and hitting prowess continued into the final two sets with Marion County prevailing 25-23 and 25-16 for the first victory over Taylor County since 2021.

The combo of outside hitters Marrett and McKenna Thomas proved to be too much for the Lady Cards’ defense. Libero Addison Garrett chipped in 33 digs on defense as Marion County shut down the Lady Cards’ offense, which was without the state’s finest junior Madelyn Yates due to injury.

Garrett’s total set a new Lady Knight single-game record, breaking the old mark set by Maggie Overstreet in 2019.

Newcomer to the rotation, Avery Mattingly, combined with Addison Jones for 10 blocks.

“After we stopped beating ourselves in the first set, we were able to control the pace. Taylor played some outstanding defense but our constant pressure eventually wore them down,” Lady Knight Coach David Hibbard explained.

The Lady Knights picked up their second district win of the week against Campbellsville in straight sets on Thursday.

Marion County led from the opening serve, displaying dominance in all areas of play, in thrashing the Eagles 25-12, 25-9, 25-15.

“We made a decent team that almost beat Taylor County earlier in the week look pretty bad. We have now put ourselves in a good position with these two win as far as district seeding,” Hibbard added.

Marrett and Thomas combined for 17 kills while junior middle Maddie Skaggs repelled six blocks for points on the defensive side. Setter Lexi Hall contributed 29 assists to lead the Lady Knight attack.

Marion County takes on Adair County and Green County in matches this week and then travels to Woodford County for a tournament on Saturday.



Photo by Sam Bach

Middle school members Saidy Quiroz and Haley Tolliver race for the finish line.

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and Aubrie Smothers, 84th.

In the boys’ 3000, Green placed 38th, Blair, 41st, and Esteves, 48th. In the boys’ 1800, Landon Green placed 117th.

Varsity members Maddison Buckman (1:05.55), Lexy Costisick (42:29.00), Sara Lyvers (54:10.54), and Coda Peek (25:18.27) beat their last times at this race, and Coda set a new season best time.

The girls 5000 saw Piper Jones take 33rd, Bella Kelty, 55th, Costisick, 60th, Chyanne Hewitt, 62nd, Lyvers, 63rd, and Buckman, 64th. For the boys, Peek took 28th, Silas Perry, 41st, and Derek Greenwell, 61st.

“We will be putting in some hard practices to get ready for the Green County Cow Days,” Bach said. That meet will be held Sept. 19. “After that, we will prepare for the Mercer County Senior Night, where both our varsity squad and middle school group will compete in a 5K.”

Head and neck cancer: Risks and warning signs

BY MELINA WINDON, M.D.
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LEXINGTON — Head and neck cancers affect areas we rely on every day for speaking, breathing, hearing, and eating. These cancers develop in the mouth, throat, voice box, and neck. Understanding the risks and warning signs can help catch these cancers early, when treatments are more effective.

Two main risk factors

For decades, tobacco use was the top risk factor for head and neck cancer. Smoking or chewing tobacco raises your risk. Even secondhand smoke can be harmful.

But in the past 20 years, we’ve learned that human papillomavirus (HPV) has become another major cause. Many people know HPV can cause cervical cancer, but it causes more throat cancers than cervical cancers today. HPV-related throat cancer is now one of the more common cancers we see in our clinics.

Heavy alcohol use is a third major risk factor. People who both smoke and drink heavily face higher risks than those who do just one or the other.

Prevention steps you can take

The best way to lower your risk is to avoid tobacco in all forms. If you currently smoke or use tobacco, talk to your doctor about ways to quit. Many medications and counseling programs can help.

The HPV vaccine offers strong protection against throat cancer. The vaccine works best when given to children between ages 9 and 14, before any exposure to the virus. Both boys and girls should get vaccinated since throat cancer from HPV affects men more often than women. The vaccine has been safely used since 2009.

Good oral care also helps prevent some head and neck

cancers. Brush and floss regularly, and see your dentist for routine checkups. Your dentist can spot early changes during oral cancer screenings.

Warning signs to watch for

See a doctor if you notice any of these symptoms that last more than two weeks:

- White or red spots in your mouth or throat that won’t heal
- A lump on your neck that you can feel while shaving or washing
- Voice changes or hoarseness that doesn’t go away
- Trouble swallowing
- Mouth or throat pain that won’t improve
- Any bleeding from your mouth or throat

Many neck lumps turn out to be harmless, but any lump lasting more than two weeks needs to be checked. Sometimes a small lump in the neck is the first sign of a small cancerous tumor in the throat.

Early detection matters

Kentucky has higher rates of head and neck cancer than most other states, making awareness and early detection even more important. When caught early, many head and neck cancers can be treated successfully.

It is important to know that although tobacco and alcohol exposure are risk factors, many patients develop head and neck cancers without significant exposure to tobacco or alcohol. If you notice any warning signs, don’t wait. Talk to your primary care doctor or dentist. They can examine you or refer you to a specialist if needed.

Remember, preventing head and neck cancer starts with the choices we make today. Avoid tobacco, limit alcohol, get the HPV vaccine for your children or discuss the vaccine with your doctor for yourself, and maintain good oral health. These simple steps can make a real difference in lowering your cancer risk.

Boys golf wins three straight

BY DOUG THOMAS
SPECIAL TO THE ENTERPRISE

After a season of tough road matches and weekend tournaments, the Marion County boys’ golf team excelled with a series of three wins at the Lebanon Country Club.

With the added confidence of playing on their home course, the Knights triumphed over teams from Washington County, Bethlehem and Casey County.

“This was a great way to finish the regular season strong, playing some really good golf. We are looking to take this momentum into the postseason starting next week,” Knight Coach Buck Robinson said.

The Knights compete in the annual Heartland Conference Tournament at the Pines in Columbia this week against rivals from Washington, Green, Taylor, Campbellsville, Hart, and Adair County.

The boys’ squad picked up its first win of the week with a hard fought 173-183 result against rival Washington County. Playing in the dry and fast conditions, Landon Bradshaw

was the lone golfer to break 40 with a solid 37, but it proved to be enough. Carter O’Daniel carded the next best at 43 while Connor Cox and Carson Brown ended with a pair of 45s.

The Knights fired a 152 total in whipping visiting Bethlehem by 19 strokes on Wednesday as Bradshaw finished with an even par 35 to lead the way. Cash Bickett stepped up with a season-low 36 and teammates Braxton Lee and Cox broke through with a 40 and 41.

Marion County ended its week with an impressive 29-shot win over Casey County 151-180. Three Knight players finished with 37 including Bradshaw, Brayden Spalding and Hayden Lanham. Jacob Tingle managed a 40 as the Knights’ took advantage of the Rebels’ difficulties with hitting the fairway.

In girls’ action, Samantha Abell fired a two-over 37 but the inexperienced Lady Knights were defeated by Boyle County on Thursday. Mary Beth Masterson stepped up with a 57 but no other Marion County player could break 70 in tough scoring conditions.

Earlier in the week, Abell

competed in the 2A State Tournament at Owensboro Country Club after qualifying in July. Abell stumbled after an impressive start and shot a season-high 85 on the tight, tree-lined venue. The senior carded birdies in two of first three holes before a wayward shot resulted in a triple bogey.

“Sam got a bad bounce off a cart path and ended up out of bounds. To her credit, she recovered well and played really steady until she had a tough finish,” Robinson explained.

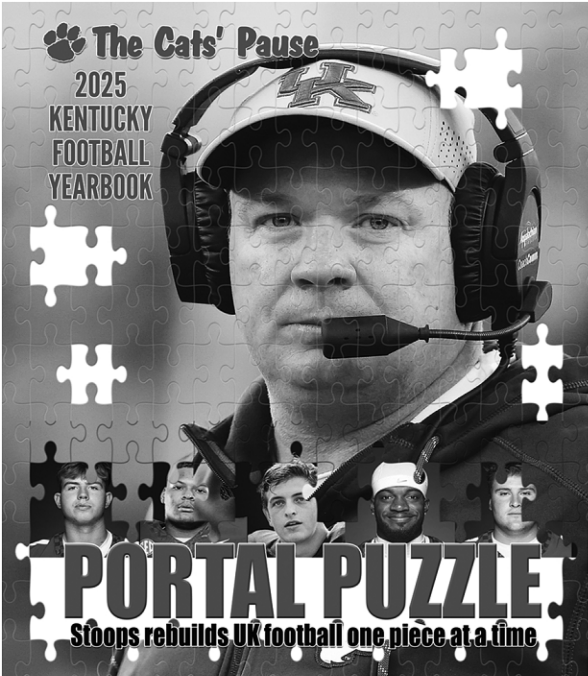
Abell was only one shot out of second place after 12 holes,

but struggled down the stretch going nine over the final six holes.

On a positive note, Abell earned enough state points to qualify for the Kentucky Golf Coaches Association Championships at the UK Club in Lexington this week. The tourney played on Monday and Tuesday of this week so results will be in next week’s edition.

“It’s a huge accomplishment just to get invited to this tournament where she will be competing with some of the best golfers in the state. She has had a really great season,” Robinson said.

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Separate sealed Bids for the construction of **Contract No. 8 Tank Replacement Project Phase I – Transmission Main** consisting of the construction of approximately 20,000 LF of 16-inch, 6,000 LF of 12-inch, and 2,000 LF of 6-inch water main and all appurtenances as shown on the DRAWINGS and described in the SPECIFICATIONS , will be received by Lebanon Water Works Company at the District Office at 120 South Proctor Knott Avenue, Lebanon, Kentucky 40033 until 10:00 am (EST Local Time) October 7, 2025, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a unit price basis, with additive alternate bid items as indicated in the Bid Form. The Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations:
KENTUCKY ENGINEERING GROUP, PLLC., 101 High Street, Versailles, Kentucky 40383
Phone: 859.251.4127
LEBANON WATER WORKS COMPANY, INC., 120 South Proctor Knott Avenue, Lebanon, Kentucky 40033. Phone: 270.692.2491

A **mandatory pre-bid meeting** will be held on Thursday, September 25, 2025, 10:00 am EST at the Lebanon Water Works Company office, 120 S. Proctor Knott Avenue.

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained from **LYNN IMAGING - Lexington** located at **328 Old Vine Street, Lexington, KY 40507, 859-255-1021**, upon receipt of a non-refundable amount of **\$ 350.00** for each complete set of documents. Included with the printed copy of the contract documents is an electronic download (as portable document format PDF) upon request.

All bids must be made on required Bid Form and must be fully completed and executed with original signatures and corporate seals. All bidders must be listed as plan holder by the plan distributor and must attend the mandatory pre-bid meeting.

This project may be partially or entirely funded by the Kentucky Infrastructure Agency State Revolving Fund Loan.

Bidders must comply with President's Executive Orders No. 11246 and No. 11375 and any amendments or supplements to those Executive Orders. Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed under the contract, Section 3, Segregated Facility, Section 109 and E.O. 11246.

Bidders must certify they do not and will not maintain or provide for their employees any facilities that are segregated or based on race, color, creed or national origin. Bidders must comply with 41 CFR 60-4 in regard to affirmative action and to insure equal opportunity to females and minorities, and all that are applicable. Minorities and small businesses are encouraged to submit bids on this project.

Bidders must comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 Anti-Kickback Act, and the Contract Work Hours Standard Act.

The procurement and performance of this contract are subject to the requirements of the Davis-Bacon Act.

Successful Bidder shall make positive efforts to use small, minority, women owned and disadvantaged businesses.

Contractor shall comply with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Buy America Requirement in 23 C.F.R. § 635.410 and all relevant provisions of the Build America, Buy America Act (BABA), contained within the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Pub. L. No. 117-58, §§ 70901-52 enacted November 15, 2021. The BABA requires iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in infrastructure projects funded by federal financial assistance to be produced in the United States. Comply with 2 C.F.R § 184.

Lebanon Water Works Company, Inc., reserves the right to waive any bidding informalities and to reject any or all bids, for any reason. The right is reserved by the Owner, in the exercise of its sole judgment to reject any or all Bids, and to re-advertise and award the Contract in the regular manner or to waive any informalities, irregularities, mistakes, errors, or omissions in any Bid received and to accept any Bid deemed to be responsive to this invitation and favorable to interests of the Owner.

The sealed bid for this project shall be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope: "Sealed Bid for **Contract No. 8 Tank Replacement Project Phase I – Transmission Main**" for the Lebanon Water Works Company, Inc. The bid may be mailed to: Lebanon Water Works Company, Inc, 120 South Proctor Knott Avenue, Lebanon, Kentucky 40033. A certified check or Bid Bond payable to the Lebanon Water Works Company, Inc in the amount of five (5) percent of the Bid shall accompany the Bid.

John Turner, President
Lebanon Water Works Company, Inc.

Date: September 17, 2025