

Community Calendar

LAUREL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE — Will be conducting traffic safety checkpoints at various locations throughout Laurel County that are experiencing a high rate of traffic crashes resulting injuries or a high traffic volume in an attempt to make Laurel County roads safer for families to travel. These traffic safety checkpoints will be held both day and night through July 31, midnight. The sheriff's office will conduct these traffic safety checkpoints coordinated by Capt. Chris Edwards. The locations will include: Ky 30, Ky 770, Ky 192, Ky 80, US 25, Hal Rogers Parkway and Ky 80, I-75 at the entry/exit ramps at exit 49, exit 41 and exit 29; Ky 909; Ky 490; US 25 E; Ky 229; Ky 1956; Ky 363; Ky 1223 at Ky 830; Ky 1376, east and west; Old Way Road; Ky 552; Laurel River Church Road; Philpot Road; Ky 1223, Byrley Road, Line Creek Road, McWhorter Road, Echo Valley Road and Twin Branch Road.

Many other locations have been identified and will be utilized in future traffic safety checkpoints in an attempt to make Laurel County roads safer for families to travel.

USDA FARM SERVICE AGENCY — Accepting applications for the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) to

address damages from EF 4 Tornado that occurred May 16, 2025. ECP provides cost-share and technical assistance to producers (within direct line and ½ mile radius) to restore farmland to pre-disaster conditions. ECP signup ends on August 14, 2025.

For more information on ECP, producers can contact the Laurel County FSA Office at 606-864-2172 or visit farmers.gov/protection-recovery.

THURSDAY, July 3
WOMEN'S COMMUNITY BIBLE SERIES —Summer Edition will be held Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., through Aug. 7 at New Life Worship Center on the former Sue Bennett Campus. The FREE series for women features speakers from several churches and includes a FREE light lunch. This week, Rev. Griffin Ryan of First Methodist will offer opening remarks while Sharon Kidd of First Baptist will speak on Wisdom. For details, please go to Facebook.com/LondonWomensBibleSeries. All ladies are welcome!

FRIDAY, July 4
UNIVERSITY OF THE CUMBERLANDS — Local chapters of the Sons of the American Revolution and Daughters of the American Revolution will celebrate the signing of the Declaration of In-

dependence at 11 a.m. at Patriot Park on campus in Williamsburg. Program will include an honor guard and bell ringing. Live music in lieu of speaker.

SATURDAY, July 5
KY RESIST — Protest from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Laurel County Courthouse, 101 S. Main St. in London.

WILLIAMSBURG GOSPEL BARN — Invites you to a Fourth of July weekend singing and potluck featuring the Blackburns, Bill Creech, His Anointed Ones, Richard Corbin and more. Doors open at 5 p.m. with open mic. Dinner at 6 p.m. Please bring a covered dish.

THURSDAY, July 10
WOMEN'S COMMUNITY BIBLE SERIES —Summer Edition will be held Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., through Aug. 7 at New Life Worship Center on the former Sue Bennett Campus. The FREE series for women features speakers from several churches and includes a FREE light lunch. This week, Jamie Crawford of New Harvest will speak on Knowledge. For details, please go to Facebook.com/LondonWomensBibleSeries. All ladies are welcome!

THURSDAY, July 17
WOMEN'S COMMUNITY BIBLE SERIES —Summer Edition will be held Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.,

through Aug. 7 at New Life Worship Center on the former Sue Bennett Campus. The FREE series for women features speakers from several churches and includes a FREE light lunch. This week, Sherri George of First Methodist will speak on Faith. For details, please go to Facebook.com/LondonWomensBibleSeries. All ladies are welcome!

THURSDAY, July 24
WOMEN'S COMMUNITY BIBLE SERIES —Summer Edition will be held Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., through Aug. 7 at New Life Worship Center on the former Sue Bennett Campus. The FREE series for women features speakers from several churches and includes a FREE light lunch. This week, Christie Schrader of First Christian will speak on Healing. For details, please go to Facebook.com/LondonWomensBibleSeries. All ladies are welcome!

THURSDAY, July 31
WOMEN'S COMMUNITY BIBLE SERIES —Summer Edition will be held Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., through Aug. 7 at New Life Worship Center on the former Sue Bennett Campus. The FREE series for women features speakers from several churches

SEE **CALENDAR**, PAGE **7B**

HOUSE

Continued from page 2B

pipes for utilities.

In the past, Wooldridge said, engineers couldn't necessarily build what they had designed, but the new technology presented in the robotic arm allowed for that. "Now, we have a machine that I can give it the most complicated shape — the most weird-looking thing you've ever seen, almost organic — and that system will do it," he said.

Progress Appalachia Principal Jennifer Seifert said that after the demo house,

plans were to build Floodbuster 2 — an office building for the Bluegrass Veterans Ranch project being undertaken by its executive director, Virginia Dial.

That way, one of the first practical buildings created by this new technology would be used to help veterans struggling with homelessness.

Dial said that the office would be a "fully working" building, with plumbing, electricity and a septic system.

"We wanted to maybe look at doing all of the houses that way, but the timeline was so far, we would have

had to wait a lot longer to get to where we're at right now," Dial said.

Instead, the ranch has moved ahead with more traditionally-built tiny homes, of which several are almost completed.

Dial added that she saw the ranch's office as being both a "spec house" so that people who are partnering with the SCC program could see a finished product. She also hoped that seeing the technology in action might inspire some of the ranch's future residents.

"In doing that, we want to show our veterans, 'Hey, this is something of the fu-

ture that you might want to get involved in with your vocational training,'" she said.

Seifert said that after Floodbuster 2 is created, she hoped to see other opportunities for the technology to be used to create housing for those who are homeless or in need, "hopefully, to help the people that are rarely the first to receive the benefits of technologies."

Among the guest speakers at Friday's event were SCC President/CEO Dr. Carey Castle, who said he was proud of the people at SCC who were involved.

"Without a doubt, this is

one of the most significant events that I've ever seen at SCC, one that provides a huge amount of depth and application in our technical areas and shows just how you can take something that seems very old and now make it very new again," Castle said.

Kentucky Community and Technical College System President Ryan Quarles noted that the 3D printed house was the first of its kind in Kentucky.

"What's really unique about this is that this is beyond proof of concept," Quarles said. "This allows us to say, whether it's a nat-

ural disaster, whether it's addressing our affordable housing issue in Kentucky, whether it's about making sure we have resources in areas of this state that need it the most, that we can literally grow or build something that is at a high demand."

Quarles also said that it was important in that it combines high-tech robotic with people still working with their hands, creating new jobs in the future.

Cox stated that the point of the technology was not to take away current construction jobs, but to train the same people to do a different type of job.

HEALTH

Continued from page 2B

they come in here so we offer free transportation to

them. We have resource bags that we give out to clients as well."

Chief Operating Officer Monty Sears said that each of the center's counselors

have special trainings, making them highly qualified for their roles.

Expansions for Horizon Health aren't expected to slow down soon, with Sears

sharing that not only London's mental health services are anticipated to grow, but that the center is also projected to have locations in Clay and Bell counties with-

in the next two years.

Horizon Health is located at 934 South Laurel Road in London. To learn more about Horizon Health's new services, call (606) 657-

2030 or visit the website at horizonhealthky.org. The behavioral health and addiction treatment center also has a crisis hotline, which can be reached at (844) 823-4357.

LAUREL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE Notification of FERPA Rights Child Find for Children with Disabilities in Need of Special Education or 504 Services and Directory Information

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and "eligible students" (students over 18 years of age or who are attending a postsecondary institution) certain rights with respect to the student's education records. They are:

1) The right to inspect and review the student's education records within forty-five days (45) days of the day the District receives a request for access.

Parents or eligible students should submit to the principal/designee a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The Principal will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

2) The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parents or eligible students believes are inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of the student's privacy or other rights.

Parents or eligible students may ask the District to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate, misleading or in violation of privacy or other rights. They should write the school principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate, misleading or in violation of their privacy rights.

If the District decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the District will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

3) The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

One exception which permits disclosure without consent is disclosure to school officials with legitimate education interests. A school official is a person employed by the District as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the school Board; a person or company with whom the District has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving an official committee, such as disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks.

A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility. STUDENTS 09.14Ap.111

Upon request, the District shall disclose education records without consent to the officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll or to other entities authorized by law.

4) The right to prohibit the disclosure of personally identifiable information concerning the student to recruiting representatives of the U.S. Armed Forces and its service academics, the Kentucky Air National Guard, and the Kentucky Army National Guard.

Unless the parent or eligible student requests in writing that the District not release information, the student's name, address, and telephone number (if listed) shall be released to Armed Forces recruiter upon their request.

5) The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the District to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA is:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202-4605

Directory Information - Release Without Consent Exceptions

School officials may disclose directory information without consent if the school has given public notice to parents and eligible students of the types of personally identifiable information designated as directory information and provides them an opportunity to refuse to permit all or part of such disclosure. KRS 160.725 (1)

Directory Information - Definition

Directory Information means the student's name, address, telephone listing, date and place of birth, participation in school recognized sports and activities, height and weight of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, awards received, major field of study and the most recent/previous education institution attended.

Child Find:

The Laurel Public School District keeps educational records in a secure location in each school and Board office.

The Laurel County Public School District obtains written consent from a parent or eligible student (age 18 or who is attending a postsecondary institution), before disclosing personally identifiable information to an entity or individual not authorized to receive it under FERPA.

For students who have been determined eligible for Special Education, educational records will be destroyed at the request of the parents when they are no longer needed to provide education programs or services. The Laurel County Public School District may destroy the educational records of a child without parent request (3) years after they are no longer needed to provide educational programs or services. Parents are advised that data contained in the records may later be needed for Social Security benefits or other purposes. The Laurel County Public School District may retain, for an indefinite period of time, a record of the student's name, address, telephone number, grades, attendance records, classes attended, grade level completed, and year completed.

Children eligible for Special Education include those children with disabilities who have autism, deaf-

blindness, developmental delay, emotional-behavior disability, hearing impairment, mental disability, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairment, specific learning disability, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, or visual impairment and who because of such an impairment need Special Education services.

Children eligible for 504 services include those children in a public elementary and secondary education program who have a current physical or mental impairment that currently substantially limits some major life activity which causes the student's ability to access the school environment or school activities to be substantially limited.

Children eligible for the State-Funded Preschool program include three- and four-year-old children identified with disabilities and four-year-old children who are at-risk, as defined by federal poverty levels up to 150%. Preschool children eligible for special education must have an Individual Education Plan (IEP) instead of a 504 plan to receive State-Funded Preschool program services.

The Laurel County Public School District has an ongoing "Child Find" system, which is designed to locate, identify and evaluate any child residing in a home, facility, or residence within its geographical boundaries, age three (3) to twenty-one (21) years, who may have a disability and be in need of Special Education or 504 services. This includes children who are not in school; those who are in public, private or home school; those who are highly mobile such as children who are migrant or homeless; and those who are advancing from grade to grade, who may need but are not receiving Special Education or 504 services.

The district's "Child Find" system includes children with disabilities attending private or home schools within the school district boundaries who may need special education services.

The Laurel County Public School District will make sure any child enrolled in its district who qualifies for Special Education or 504 services, regardless of how severe the disability, is provided appropriate Special Education or 504 services at no cost to the parents of the child.

Parents, relatives, public and private agency employees, and concerned citizens are urged to help the Laurel County Public Schools District find any child who may have a disability and need Special Education and 504 services. The District needs to know the name and age, or date of birth of the child; the name, address, and phone number(s) of the parents or guardian; the possible disability; and other information to determine if Special Education or 504 services are needed.

Letters and phone calls are some of the ways the Laurel County Public School District collects the information needed. The information the school District collects will be used to contact the parents of the child and find out if the child needs to be evaluated or referred for Special Education or 504 services.

If you know the child who lives within the boundaries of the Laurel County Public School District, who may have a disability, and may need but is not receiving Special Education or 504 services, please call (606) 862-4608 or send information to:

Jessica Smith
Director of Special Education
Laurel County Public Schools
710 North Main Street
London, KY 40741
Ph: (606) 862-4608

Nancy Lewis
Section 504 Coordinator
Laurel County Public Schools
710 North Main Street
London, KY 40741
Ph: (606) 862-4608

If you know of a child who attends a private or home school within the boundaries of the Laurel County Public School District, who may have a disability, and may need but is not receiving Special Education services, please call (606) 832-4608 or send the information to:

Jessica Smith
Director of Special Education
Laurel County Public Schools
710 North Main Street
London, KY 40741
Ph: (606) 862-4608

"Child Find" activities will continue throughout the school year. As part of these efforts the Laurel County Public School District will use screening information, student records, and basic assessment information it collects on all children in the District to help locate these children in the District who have a disability and need Special Education or 504 services. Any information the District collects through "Child Find" is maintained confidentially.

Written Policies and Procedures have been developed which describe the District's requirements regarding the confidentiality of personally identifiable information and "Child Find" activities. There are copies in the Principal's office of each school, and in the Board of Education office. Copies of the Policies and Procedures may be obtained by contacting:

Teresa Smith and Todd Cox
Director of Pupil Personnel
Laurel County Public Schools
718 North Main Street
London, KY 40741
Ph: (606) 862-4600

The district office is open Monday through Friday, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

The Laurel County Public School District provides a public notice in the native language or other mode of communication of the various populations in the geographical boundaries of the District to extent feasible. If you know of someone who may need this notice translated to another language, given orally, or delivered in some other manner or mode of communication, please contact the Director of Pupil Personnel, the Director of Special Education or the Section 504 Coordinator at the address or phone listed above for the Laurel County Public Schools.