

# Maddie & Tae, Jordan Allen take the stage at final Town Center Concert of the year



PHOTO BY MADISON NANTZ  
Pictured are Taylor “Tae” Kerr and Maddie Font. The duo headlined Friday’s event.

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The final Town Center Concert of the year wrapped up with a bang Friday night as country duo Maddie & Tae took the stage, officially closing out the summer series for 2025. The evening opened with a set from London native and The Voice alum Jordan Allen,

who grew up in the Sublimity area. Allen kicked off the show with “2000 Miles,” a song written about being apart from his wife, Courtney Allen. His set also included “I Got It Bad,” “Way Down in LaGrange,” and “Holy Roller.” Before performing “If It Don’t Bend,” Allen reflected on a tough moment that led to its creation. “I wrote this song after probably the worst gig in my life,” he told the audience. “I had three hours to sit in those thoughts, and there was a point where I said, ‘Man, why am I even doing this anymore?’ and I feel like this song is just a prayer. I think it’s good for all of us, no matter what you do, to reevaluate why you’re doing what you’re doing... I know for me, on the other end of that prayer... I still felt like the good Lord placed me here to play the songs that he gives me.” Later into the evening, Maddie Font and Taylor “Tae” Kerr — known professionally as Maddie & Tae — took the stage in front of a lively crowd, opening their set

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today, started out slow with three bogeys on the first five holes, but pulled it together. “Her and Lilly Barton are the only two returning varsity players,” he added. “Lilly shot a 96. She had some great approach shots and kept a positive attitude. She is a very hard worker and will continue to work hard to improve.” “Morgan Jackson is returning to golf. She played in sixth- and seventh-grade,” Siler added. “She’s a three-sport athlete and is getting better everyday shooting a 104 today. Assistant coach Branden Grubb said Morgan is going to be a huge help come region time, she is smart and athletic.” Siler also is impressed with the play of Audrey Likins, Lindsey House and Grier Allen. “Audrey Likins is also a newcomer. This is her second 18-hole tournament,” he said. “She is catching on very quick, and she’s standout softball player. Come September, she will be an asset for the region tournament.” “Lindsey House is in her third year, and she has worked in the office season to get better,” Siler added. “She has improved tremendously and I’m excited to see how she helps this year.” “Grier Allen is going to be a freshman, and she played as an eighth-grader but only got to play in a few nine-hole matches,” he continued. “She is still learning the game but is improving daily. We have competed for a few years with Alyssa and Lilly in the region, and we are excited to have a team for the first time in several years and see how we may do as a team this year.”

## SUMMER

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The trip to Lebanon to participate in the 10U Baseball All-Stars State Tournament was a bit tougher. North Laurel started pool play with a 9-1 loss to Grayson County before falling, 7-2, to Fleming County. North Laurel finished pool play with a 7-0 win over Paintsville. North Laurel turned in an impressive 5-2 record in all-star play while going 1-2 in pool play at the state level. Members of the team were: Ryker Bowlin, Owen Morris, Camden Hensley, Mason Moore, Bryson Roberts, Lucas McFarland, John Clark, Conor Bales, Hawk Hughes, Jayce Wilson, Kooper Wibbles and Clay Gilbert.

# 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 August 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. **WILLIAMSBURG GOSPEL BARN** — Temporarily closed for repairs of damage caused by the February flooding. **WEDNESDAY, August 6**


**LONDON ROTARY CLUB** — Board and business meeting at 12 noon at Old Town Grill. **THURSDAY, August 7** **WOMEN’S COMMUNITY BIBLE SERIES** — Summer Edition will be 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 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, Bobbie Huff of River of Life will speak on Prophecy with Deneen Howard of New Life Worship offering closing remarks. For details, please go to Facebook.com/LondonWomensBibleSeries. All ladies are welcome! **SATURDAY, August 9** **BLUEGRASS TRUCK SHOW** — Tornado victim relief fundraiser at 202 Faith Assembly Church Road in London from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free admission but donations welcome. Participants should register with Bluegrass Truck-Bus-RV. Any make or model, chromed out, lowered trucks, etc. **MONDAY, August 11** **BLOOD DRIVE** — Kentucky Blood Center will be at in the Laurel County Annex Community Room at 107 S. Broad St. in London from 1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Appointments are

preferred but walk-ins are welcome. To schedule a donation, visit [kybloodcenter.org](http://kybloodcenter.org). **SATURDAY, August 16** **LEADERSHIP TRI-COUNTY** — Alumni Potluck Picnic at Briar Creek Park, Shelter #5, in Williamsburg starting at 6 p.m. Reach out to Keith Greene at [kagreene@kceoc.com](mailto:kagreene@kceoc.com) for more information. **SATURDAY, August 23** **ELEVATE GALA** — Join Saint Joseph London Foundation to benefit the installation of ceiling mounted mechanical patient lifts. Starts at 6 p.m. at London Community Center with cocktails and silent auction. For reservations, contact Marie Murray at 859-313-1705 or [Marie.Murray@CommonSpirit.org](mailto:Marie.Murray@CommonSpirit.org). **SATURDAY, September 13** **4TH ANNUAL GITT RECOVERY CELEBRATION** — Celebrate Recovery Month from 5-8 p.m. at the North Laurel High School Football Field. For more information, call Adam Larkin at 859-803-2864. **SATURDAY, September 27** **HODGE FAMILY REUNION** — The Virgil and Lottie (Baker) Hodge Family Reunion will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at The Hopewell Baptist Church Center, 1045 N. Hwy. 1223, Corbin. Any questions, call June (Hodge) House at 606-864-5564.

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**Kentucky’s LIHEAP Summer Subsidy:**  
**Applications Open July 28- September 12, 2025**  
*Cooling Assistance Available Through Community Action Agencies in All 120 Counties*

**FRANKFORT, Ky. (July 24, 2025):** Kentucky households responsible for their electric costs may qualify for cooling assistance through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Summer Subsidy. Applications will be accepted at Kentucky’s Community Action Agencies from July 28 through September 12, 2025, on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The program provides households with a one-time electric benefit, determined by the household’s housing category and income level. Households must meet eligibility requirements, including income eligibility of up to and including 150% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Prior LIHEAP assistance does not affect eligibility, and benefits are paid directly to the utility provider.

To apply, contact your local Community Action Agency office or call 800-456-3452. Visit [www.capky.org/network](http://www.capky.org/network) to find the nearest office.

For Clay, Laurel, Jackson, & Rockcastle counties please call 729-4000 for appointment.

All applicants will be required to supply the following documentation at the time of application:

- Proof of Social Security Number or Permanent Residence card (Green Card) for each member of the household.
- Proof of all household’s (all members) income from the preceding month.
- Most current electric bill, statement from your landlord if electric is included in your rent, statement from utility company if you participate in a Pre-Pay Electric Program.
- The account number and name on the account for main heating fuel sources and electric bill.

The Summer Subsidy program does not require a disconnect notice, past-due bill, or eviction notice, and benefits can be applied as a credit to your account. Community Action Kentucky administers LIHEAP in partnership with the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services who receive the funding as a pass-through block grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. For more information about LIHEAP, including contact information for all local Community Action agencies, please visit the Community Action Kentucky website at [www.CAPKY.org](http://www.CAPKY.org).  
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**About Community Action Kentucky**  
Community Action Kentucky is the statewide association representing and assisting the 23 Community Action agencies across Kentucky that work to empower individuals and families to attain greater economic stability and long-term success. With a presence in all 120 Kentucky counties, Community Action agencies provide life-changing resources and programs to support a wide array of service areas, including food security, transportation, home energy, early childhood education, senior support, emergency services, housing assistance, workforce development, youth enrichment and more. As a statewide voice for local agencies, Community Action Kentucky works to address policy issues that impact low-income individuals and cultivates broad-reaching partnerships that improve the lives of thousands of Kentuckians, making it possible for them to achieve their goals. For more information about Community Action Kentucky, visit [www.CAPKY.org](http://www.CAPKY.org).

**CITY OF LONDON**  
**INVITATION TO BID**  
**Used Walk-Around Heavy Rescue Truck**

The City of London is accepting **sealed bids** for the purchase of a **used walk-around heavy rescue truck**. All bids must meet or exceed the specifications listed below.

**Minimum Specifications:**

- **Model Year:** 2004 or newer
- **Mileage & Hours:** Less than 20,000 miles and 2,500 engine hours
- **Chassis:** Manufactured by a company still in business to ensure parts and service availability
- **Compliance:** Must meet current **NFPA standards**
- **Cab:** Fully enclosed with seating for **at least 8 personnel**, including **6 SCBA-integrated seats**
- **Cab Features:** Raised roof, air conditioning, NFPA-compliant warning devices, and a **small command desk**
- **Body Condition:** Free from rust or corrosion; majority of the body must be **white in color**
- **Storage:** Coffin box storage on top with ladder access
- **Powertrain:** Diesel engine (minimum **350 HP**) with automatic transmission; includes a **12-month minimum powertrain warranty**
- **Lighting and Electrical Equipment:**
  - Operational generator system
  - Telescoping light tower
  - Minimum of **2 tripod lights**
  - Minimum of **2 brow lights**
  - Minimum of **2 electric reels**

**Delivery Requirement:**

The successful bidder must deliver the vehicle via **insured flatbed trailer** to:

913 Fire Rescue Drive  
London, KY 40741

Delivery must occur **within 45 calendar days** of the bid award.

**Submission Deadline:**

All sealed bids must be received by:

**Date & Time:**  
**August 13, 2025, by 4:00 PM EST**

**Submit To:**  
City of London – City Hall  
501 S Main Street  
London, KY 40741