

# Callahan receives national honor

*National Society of High School Scholars*  
The National Society of High School Scholars has announced Blakely E. Callahan, a South Laurel High School student from London, has been selected to become a member of the esteemed organization. The Society recognized top scholars who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, scholarship and community commitment. The announcement was made by NSHSS Co-founder and President James W. Lewis. “On behalf of NSHSS and our co-founder Claes Nobel, a member of the family that established the Nobel Prizes, I am honored to recognize the hard work, passion and commitment that Blakely has demonstrated to achieve this exceptional level of academic excellence,” said Lewis.

is. “Blakely is now a member of a unique community of scholars — a community that represents our very best hope for the future.” “We are proud to provide lifetime membership to young scholars to support their growth and development,” Lewis continued. “We help students like Blakely build on their academic success by connecting them with learning experiences and resources to help prepare them for college and meaningful careers.” NSHSS members automatically become lifetime members at the time of their initial membership. Each step along the way — from high school to college to career — NSHSS connects outstanding young scholars with the resources they need to develop their strengths and pursue their passions.



BLAKELY CALLAHAN



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Shown are all first responders who participated in the training exercise.

# Law enforcement conducts mock shooter training

*LCSD*  
The Laurel County Sheriff's Office, Laurel County School Police and the London City Police jointly participated in a mock active shooter training exercise coordinated by Laurel County Schools Assistant Superintendent Tharon Hurley at London Elementary School on August 1.

The training was coordinated prior to the Aug. 7 opening day for students. No students were in the school as deputies and officers participated in the mock exercises. The training included dynamic, hands-on training with scenario-based exercises. Laurel County Sheriff John Root stated this training was conducted to prepare law enforcement for keeping

students safe this school year and is crucial for ensuring that area law enforcement are prepared to respond effectively to such incidents in schools providing them with the skills needed to handle active shooter situations. Also participating was London-Laurel County Rescue Squad and London City Fire Department.

## CALENDAR

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cal cancer screening and diagnostic services to eligible women in Kentucky. Services like mammograms and Pap tests are offered through local health departments and participating clinics around the state. To find the provider nearest you call toll free (844) 249-0708.

**LAUREL COMMUNITY LIONS AND LEXINGTON LIONS CLUBS** — Free diabetes screening for groups in the Laurel County area. Trained personnel conduct a lifestyle survey and a blood test is done to determine your A1C level, which is a predictor of Diabetes. Please call to schedule your group of 15 or more. Businesses, government, first responders, churches, veterans, and other groups are welcome to call for your free diabetes screening. Contact Doris Calles (606-312-8844).

**DAV CHAPTER 66** — 2 certified and trained service officers (1 state, 1 chapter) to assist all veterans and/or their dependents with VA claims. For dates and times or more information, call chapter at 606-877-1308 or Bob Ellison at 606-862-0032. Leave your name, number and a short message.

**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.

**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.

**KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET** — Lane closures will take place in areas on I-75 northbound and southbound at mile points 23.2 to 28.9 in Laurel and Whitley counties now until Wednesday, September 3. The closures are needed to accommodate placement of barrier wall for widening and bridge work in the median of I-75 northbound and southbound. Lane widths will be restricted to 11 feet. The entire project is expected to be completed by June 1, 2028. KYTC asks motorists to be aware of the work zone, expect significant delays, and to utilize safe driving habits when traveling through the area. The date, time, and duration of work may be adjusted if inclement weather or other unforeseen delays occur. Motorists can access travel and traffic conditions at <http://goky.ky.gov> or contribute their reports at [www.waze.com](http://www.waze.com) or via the Waze mobile application. You can also get traffic information for District 11 counties at [www.facebook.com/KYTCDistrict11](http://www.facebook.com/KYTCDistrict11) or by following us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/KYTCDistrict11](http://www.twitter.com/KYTCDistrict11).

**FRIDAY, August 15**  
**LIVE YOUR BEST LIFE** — Workshop for people impacted by Parkinson's at London Community Center, 529 S. Main St., from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. To register, visit [bit.ly/LondonKYRR](http://bit.ly/LondonKYRR).

**WILLIAMSBURG GOSPEL BARN** — Featuring the Cupps, the Hagers, Joyful Sound Trio, For Him Trio, the Messengers, the Journeymen, Crimson Chord and more. We will be selling spaghetti dinners for \$10 to help repair the gospel barn. Dinners are pick up or dine in while you enjoy the music. Singing starts at 5 p.m. Come support this benefit singing.

**FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY** — Will serve from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at 100 West Dixie St. next to the London Community Center.

**SATURDAY, August 16**  
**WILLIAMSBURG GOSPEL**

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**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.

**WEDNESDAY, August 20**  
**LONDON ROTARY CLUB** — Meeting at 12 noon at Old Town Grill.

**NOONTIME KNOWLEDGE** — Learn the art of hand massage with Jordan Hill of Bluegrass Care Navigators in partnership with Baptist Health Corbin and Edward Jones-Beth Davis. Free health education starts at 12 noon at Corbin Public Library. To pre-register, contact [brc-marketing@bhsi.com](mailto:brc-marketing@bhsi.com) or call 606-523-8768.

**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).

**TUESDAY, August 26**  
**KENTUCKY PUBLIC RETIREES** — The Cumberland Valley Chapter of KPR will meet at David's Steak House in Corbin. Mealtime will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the meeting to follow. Retirees (and spouses) receiving retirement benefits from KERS, CERS, or SPRS are welcome to attend. Membership information will be available at the meeting or on the website ([kentuckypublicretirees.org](http://kentuckypublicretirees.org)). For more information, call 606-260-0490.

**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.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

**Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, Inc will be having a Board of Directors meeting**  
Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, Inc., will be having a Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday, August 19th, at 6:00 pm in Clay County at the central office located at 1535 Shamrock Road in Manchester. The public are invited to attend. Daniel Boone CAA is an equal housing opportunity provider.

**Second reading of a proposed ordinance amending the Laurel County budget for 2026**  
Second reading of a proposed ordinance amending the Laurel County budget for the fiscal year 2026, to include unanticipated receipts from surplus in the amount of \$3,220,286.68 and increasing expenditures in the area of contingent appropriations will be held on August 28, 2025 at 9:30 AM. A copy of the proposed ordinance with full text is available for public inspection at the office of the County Judge Executive during normal business hours.

**Most recent audit and adopted budget for Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, Inc can be viewed**  
In accordance with KRS 65A.080 (2), the most recent audit and adopted budget for Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, Inc. can be viewed at the Department for Local Government public portal for SPGEs at: [http://kydlgweb.ky.gov/entities/16\\_SpgeHome.cfm](http://kydlgweb.ky.gov/entities/16_SpgeHome.cfm). If you would like to view our most recent financial statement, please visit us as 1535 Shamrock Road Manchester, KY 40962 during the hours of 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM EST Monday thru Friday.

**Notice of Final Settlement**  
Barbara Lewis, 246 Holly LN, London, KY 40741, Administrator of the estate of Anthony Lynn Lewis, deceased, filed a final settlement with the Laurel District Court on 07/28/2025.  
Torie Hampton, 1733 Highway 1394, East Bernstadt, KY 40729, Executrix of the estate of Arvel Baker, deceased, filed a final settlement with the Laurel District Court on 07/18/2025.  
Gregory Purvis, 776 MT Zion Rd, East Bernstadt, KY 40729, Administrator of the estate of Charlene Purvis, deceased, filed a final settlement with the Laurel District Court on 07/24/2025.  
Amber Watts, 9831 Capstan Dr, Cincinnati, OH 45251, Executrix of the estate of Kimberly Watts, deceased, filed a final settlement with the Laurel District Court on 07/02/2025.  
Debra Taylor, 201 Redbud Court, Versailles, KY 40383, Administratrix of the estate of Gina P Cox, deceased, filed a final settlement with the Laurel District Court on 07/14/2025.  
Allen Edwards, 91 Le An Hurst Rim, Asheville, NC 28803, Administrator of the estate of Douglas Lee Mutters, deceased, filed a final settlement with the Laurel District Court on 06/11/2025.

**Notice of Appointment - Probate**  
August 4, 2025, Velda Witt, 198 Lipscomb Rd, Corbin, KY 40701 & Jason Murphy, 2541 KY 225, Barbourville, KY 40906, was appointed Co-Administrators of the estate of Velda Kay Murphy, deceased. Any persons having claims for or against the said estate should promptly submit them in writing to the above.  
Rachel P Edwards, 7827 Split Rail CT, Mason, OH 45040, appointed Executrix of the estate of Lorraine H Sohn, deceased. Any persons having claims for or against the said estate should promptly submit them in writing to the above.  
Myra Jane Brewer, PO Box 3103, London, KY 40743, Susan E Brewer Owens, 107 Walnut View Dr, London, KY 40744, and Randal Barrett Hayden Brewer, 285 Beechwood Dr, London, KY 40744, were appointed Co-Executors of the estate of Randall L Brewer, deceased. Any persons having claims for or against the said estate should promptly submit them in writing to the above.  
Margaret R Cassidy, PO Box 125, Keavy, KY 40737, was appointed Executrix of the estate of Rondal W Cassidy, deceased. Any persons having claims for or against the said estate should promptly submit them in writing to the above.  
Irene Daugherty 3296 East Highway 552, Lily, KY 40740, was appointed Executrix of the estate of Paul Ray Daugherty, deceased. Any persons having claims for or against the said estate should promptly submit them in writing to the above.  
Tammy Hughes, PO Box 2253, Corbin, KY 40702, was appointed Administrator of the estate of Elizabeth Mills, deceased. Any persons having claims for or against the said estate should promptly submit them in writing to the above.  
Jeff Reed, 310 Twin Pond Lane, London, KY 40701, and Jerry Reed, 80 Reed Valley Road, London, KY 40741, were appointed Co-Executors of the estate of Ariel Reed, deceased. Any persons having claims for or against the said estate should promptly submit them in writing to the above.  
Brian L Collins, 127 Perry Lane, London, KY 40741, was appointed Administrator of the estate of Willa Fay Collins, deceased. Any persons having claims for or against the said estate should promptly submit them in writing to the above.  
June Worstell, 1803 Abbotsbury Way, Lafayette, IN 47909, was appointed Administratrix of the estate of Ronnie Lee Taylor, deceased. Any persons having claims for or against the said estate should promptly submit them in writing to the above.  
Wayne Hampton, 1296 Sallys Branch Rd, London, KY 40741, was appointed Executor of the estate of Hammer Hampton, deceased. Any persons having claims for or against the said estate should promptly submit them in writing to the above.  
Judy Brock, 3900 Terrells Creek Rd, London, KY 40741, was appointed Administratrix of the said estate of Boyd Dale Brock, deceased. Any persons having claims for or against the said estate should promptly submit them in writing to the above.  
Gregory Hensley, 259 Old Salem Rd, London, KY 40741, was appointed Executor of the estate of Wilma Ruth Hensley, deceased. Any persons having claims for or against the said estate should promptly submit them in writing to the above.  
Barbara Priester, 3037 Honeylocust Lane, Indian Land, SC 29707, was appointed Administratrix of the estate of Thomas Williams, deceased.

Any persons having claims for or against the said estate should promptly submit them in writing to the above.  
Barbara Cellentani, 2163 Tome Cat Trail, London, KY 40741, was appointed Executrix of the estate of James Payne, deceased. Any persons having claims for or against the said estate should promptly submit them in writing to the above.  
Loretta Bargo, PO Box 502, Heidrick, KY 40949, was appointed Executrix of the estate of Patricia Linda Sprinkles, deceased. Any persons having claims for or against the said estate should promptly submit them in writing to the above.  
July 14, 2025, Jeffery Burdine, 2818 Lily Road, London, KY 40744, was appointed Executor of the estate of Anna Rose McKeehan, deceased. Any persons having claims for or against the said estate should promptly submit them in writing to the above.  
Melinda Logsdon, 331 Dennis Dr, Shepherdsville, KY 40165, was appointed as Executrix of said estate of Linda Trobaugh, deceased. Any persons having claims for or against the said estate should promptly submit them in writing to the above.  
Charlotte Sawyers, 706 Byrley Road, Corbin, KY 40741, was appointed as Executrix of said estate of Elva Perry, deceased. Any persons having claims for or against the said estate should promptly submit them in writing to the above.  
Timothy Brock, 416 Ruffian Trial, Corbin, KY 40701, was appointed Executor of the estate of Robert Frank Picc, deceased. Any persons having claims for or against the said estate should promptly submit them in writing to the above.  
Scott Gully, PO Box 762, Williamsburg, KY 40769, was appointed Executor of the estate of Sharon Kay Hickey, deceased. Any persons having claims for or against the said estate should promptly submit them in writing to the above.  
Mary Ann Layne, 2366 East Highway 1376, East Bernstadt, KY 40729, was appointed Executor of the estate of Earl Clark, deceased. Any persons having claims for or against the said estate should promptly submit them in writing to the above.  
July 14, 2025, James D. Sizemore, 2616 River Road, London, KY 40744, was appointed Executor of the estate of Shelby Jean Sizemore, deceased. Any persons having claims for or against the said estate should promptly submit them in writing to the above.  
July 21, 2025, Kimberly Lynn Martin, 97 Boone Trail, London, KY 40744, was appointed Executrix of the estate of Shirley J Shelton Partin, deceased. Any persons having claims for or against the said estate should promptly submit them in writing to the above.  
August 04, 2025, Stephanie Robertson, 29 Turner Subdivision, Corbin, KY 40701, was appointed Executrix of the estate of Diana Bullard, deceased. Any persons having claims for or against the said estate should promptly submit them in writing to the above.  
August 04, 2025, Bernadett Luttrell, 562 Allen Creek Rd. Liberty, KY 42539 and/or Kelly P. Dukepoo, 102 Pleasure View Rd. London, KY 40744 and/or Marita Y. Stokes, 577 W. Highway 312, Keavy, KY 40737, was appointed Executrix of the estate of Rodney Thomas Goode, deceased. Any persons having claims for or against the said estate should promptly submit them in writing to the above.