

Fulton County Child Support Office sees major increase in collections

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FULTON COUNTY, Ky. — The Fulton County Child Support Office is celebrating a remarkable achievement, having collected a total of \$1,060,090.83 in child support payments during the last fiscal year. This impressive figure not only supports the well-being of children and families across the county but also represents the second-largest increase in child support collections across

the entire state of Kentucky. Local officials attribute this success to the hard work and dedication of the Fulton County Child Support staff, who have worked tirelessly to ensure that children receive the financial support they need and deserve. Through enhanced enforcement efforts, improved communication with parents, and increased collaboration with local courts, the office has been able to significantly boost collections.

Child support payments play a vital role in helping families meet basic needs such as food, housing, healthcare, and education. The increase in collections means more children in Fulton County have the resources they need to thrive. The Fulton County Child Support Office's success is not only a local victory but also serves as an example for other counties striving to improve outcomes for children and families across Kentucky.

Fulton County sees nearly \$38 million in economic development projects

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FULTON COUNTY, Ky. — Fulton County is experiencing significant growth with nearly \$38 million in new investments aimed at boosting the local economy and creating jobs. Several key projects are currently underway, signaling a promising future for the region. Acees is constructing a new state-of-the-art convenience store and truck plaza off I-69. This development is expected to attract more travelers, provide additional amenities for truck drivers, and generate

new employment opportunities for local residents. In another major improvement, the Fulton Airport is building a new taxiway, enhancing the airport's capacity and safety for general aviation. This upgrade is crucial for accommodating future growth, supporting local businesses, and increasing connectivity to the area. Additionally, Berry Global/ Amcor, a major employer in the Fulton Industrial Park, has begun construction on a 40,000-square-foot expansion. This project will include not only new

manufacturing space but also the addition of a retention pond and a new employee entrance to improve site logistics and environmental management. These projects demonstrate a substantial commitment to the community, creating new jobs, enhancing infrastructure, and strengthening Fulton County's position as a hub for commerce and industry. Local officials state that these investments not only provide immediate economic benefits but also help lay the foundation for sustained growth in the years to come.

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Ballard County Fair Truck and Tractor Pull rescheduled to August 15

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LaCenter, KY — The highly anticipated Truck and Tractor Pull at the Ballard County Fair has been officially rescheduled to Thursday, August 15, 2025. Originally set for this weekend, the event was postponed due to inclement weather. Fair organizers and the United States Association of Pullers (USAP) are excited to bring this thrilling competition back to the Ballard County Fairgrounds, located at E 6th Street in LaCenter, Kentucky.

The Truck and Tractor Pull is one of the most popular attractions of the annual Ballard County Fair, drawing competitors and spectators from across the region. Participants will showcase powerful machines and driving skills as they compete to see who can pull the weighted sled the farthest down the track. The event, presented by the United States Association of Pullers, promises an evening of roaring engines, family-friendly entertainment, and hometown pride. Gates will

open well before the action begins, giving attendees time to enjoy fair food, games, and fellowship before the pull gets underway. Organizers encourage families and motorsport enthusiasts to mark their calendars and come out to support this exciting community tradition. Tickets will be available at the gate, and seating is first come, first served. Don't miss the chance to experience the horsepower and excitement when the Truck and Tractor Pull takes over LaCenter on August 15!



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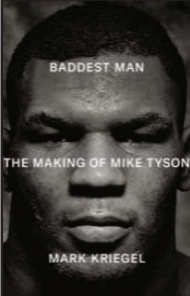
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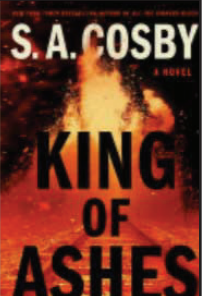
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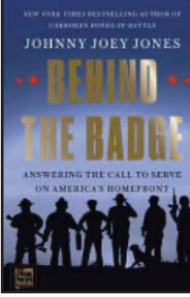
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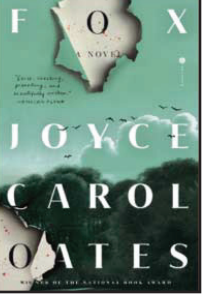
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SECTION 2:

The budget ordinance shall be administered by the executive authority as prescribed and set forth in the Kentucky Revised Statutes. Administration shall include, but not limited to, at least the following:

A. Preparation and submission of financial statements which include budgetary comparisons on not less than a quarterly basis.

B. Provide for budget amendments if called for by the Council or if anticipated through implementation.

C. Prepare any financial statements required for publication purposes, pursuant to KRS 424 and 91A.

D. Cause each fund of the budget to be audited as prescribed by law.

SECTION 3:

This ordinance shall be published in a newspaper by title and summary within thirty (30) days after adoption.

SECTION 4:

This ordinance becomes effective immediately upon passage and publication as required by law.

First reading:

May 15, 2025, Councilmember Jayla McGill motions to approve the first reading of the 2025-2026 budget. Second by Councilmember Renae Brown.

Roll Call:

Renae Brown-Aye, Jayla Gish-Aye, Jack Horton-Aye, Karen McGill-Aye, Daniel Rathmann-Aye. Absent-Jerry Hoge. Motion carried.

Second reading:

June 19, 2025, Councilmember Karen McGill motions to approve second reading of the 2025-2026 budget. Second by Councilmember Jack Horton.

Roll Call:

Renae Brown-Aye, Jerry Hoge-Aye, Jack Horton-Aye, Karen McGill-Aye, Daniel Rathmann-Aye. Absent Jayla Gish. Motion carried.

/s/ Ronda Smith, Mayor 06/20/2025

/s/ Rachel Nunn 06/20/2025

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