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PUBLIC NOTICE

To: All interested Housing Authority residents, public assistance agencies, city officials, and residents of the City of Hodgenville

From: The Housing Authority of Hodgenville
Board of Commissioners

Re: **Notice of Public Hearing**

The Housing Authority of Hodgenville has recently prepared an Agency and Five-Year Plan in accordance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 (QHWRA). The "Act" requires full public disclosure of said plan with the request for public response to same. The "Plan" is available for review and inspection at the office of the Housing Authority of Hodgenville located at 501 Miami Court.

The Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing pertaining to the Agency and Five-Year Plan as indicated below:

DATE: November 10, 2026
TIME: 9:00 am
LOCATION: 501 Miami Court

At the public hearing the Board of Commissioners will present the plan in detail and receive public comments. Attendees will also receive a brief overview of the law which governs these activities, and of the purpose of the Five-Year and Agency Plan and how it relates to the future operation of the Housing Authority of Hodgenville.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend and participate in this hearing. All reasonable suggestions will be taken into serious consideration by the Board and PHA staff when preparing the final draft of the Five-Year and Agency Plan.

If you have any questions, or require any further information, please contact the Housing Authority of Hodgenville at the following address or phone number:

Housing Authority of Hodgenville
501 Miami Court
Hodgenville, KY 42748
270-358-4705
Dana Howell, Executive Director

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF JENNINGS)
IN THE MATTER OF:)
JH - DOB 8/1/2016)
A CHILD ALLEGED TO BE)
A CHILD IN NEED OF SERVICES)

IN THE JENNINGS CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NUMBER: 40C01-2512-JC-000060

SUMMONS FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
& NOTICE OF CHILD IN NEED OF SERVICES HEARING

AND
Paul Hall (Father), Mariah Steele (Mother)
TO: Paul Hall and Any Unknown Alleged Father
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the above noted parent whose whereabouts are unknown, as well as Any Unknown Alleged Fathers, whose whereabouts are also unknown, that the Indiana Department of Child Services has filed its Verified Petition Alleging the child to be in Need of Services, in accordance with I.C. 31-34-9-3, and that an adjudication hearing has been scheduled with the Court. **YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED** to appear before the Judge of the Jennings Circuit Court, 24 North Pike Street, Vernon, IN 47282 - 812-352-3082 for a(n) Hearing on Publication on 11/12/2026 at 11:00 AM. At said hearing, the Court will consider the Petition and evidence thereon and will render its decision as to whether the above named minor child is child in need of services and shall enter adjudication accordingly. Your failure to appear after lawful notice will be deemed as your default and waiver to be present at said hearing.

UPON ENTRY OF SAID ADJUDICATION, A DISPOSITIONAL HEARING will be held in which the Court will consider (1) Alternatives for the care, treatment, or rehabilitation for the child; (2) The necessity, nature, and extent of your participation in the program of care, treatment, or rehabilitation for the child; and (3) Your financial responsibility for any services provided for the parent, guardian or custodian of the child including child support.

YOU MUST RESPOND by appearing in person or by an attorney within thirty (30) days after the last publication of this notice, and in the event you fail to do so, an adjudication on said petition, judgment by default may be entered against you, or the court may proceed in your absence, without further notice.

Amy Thompson
Clerk
Michael T. Troutman, 37915-22
Attorney, Indiana Department of Child Services

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

The LaRue County Farm Bureau will hold it's annual meeting on Thursday, October 1, 2026 at 7 p.m. at the Farm Bureau office located at 606 N. Lincoln Blvd., Hodgenville, Ky.

All members are welcome to attend. This is a business meeting only, and no meal will be provided.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The LaRue County Extension District has adopted tax rates of 4.20% for Real Property and 4.81% for Personal Property. The part of the rate which will produce revenue from real property (exclusive of new property) over the 4% is .10% and is subject to recall. The County Clerk of LaRue County can provide information relating to recall.

PUBLIC NOTICE

An ordinance setting the 2026 property tax rate(s) was adopted by the LaRue County Fiscal Court with first reading on August 25, 2026 and with second reading on September 8, 2026. The ordinance is available for viewing in the Office of the LaRue County Judge Executive.

HAWKS

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goes to work and trusts what is working.

"The mentality these two kids have is unlike anything I have ever seen from a group of kids. Nobody cares who gets the credit, they just care about winning."

The Hawks finished with 383 yards of total offense, and they topped the 40-point mark for the third time this season. LaRue County is averaging 39.6 points and 363.8 yards per game through the first five weeks.

Hooper said it's been rewarding watching his players buy into the philosophy of the offense.

"I was very impressed with how the kids executed the game plan on the offensive side," he said. "We seem to be clicking on offense right now averaging around 40 points per game, and most of our games have been running clocks by the end of the first half. The kids are trusting the coaches, trusting each other and playing selfless football. They stay focused on the final goal and block out all the other noise."

While the offense made sure to keep the scoreboard operator busy, the defense was busy preventing the Bears from getting out of the starting gates.

LaRue County's defense had one of its best games of the season, and several players stepped up in key roles.

Henri Crossno sacked Butler County quarterback Brody Dockery four times, giving him five sacks on the year so far.

"Henri did have a great night pressuring the quarterback," Hooper said. "We definitely had to look at some things from the previous week and figure out how we could keep the quarterback in the pocket and ultimately get to him. But we also know Henri doesn't get four sacks if other players up front don't do their jobs or if the secondary doesn't play their assignment."

"This group of kids are special because they don't focus on who gets the credit; they just want to get the job done. That is the mark of a great team."

LaRue County also had nine tackles for a loss, six total sacks and one interception each by Kasen McDowell and Owen McDowell.

"It is definitely fun watching our defense fly around and get stops," Hooper said. "I think last year we were so young and inexperienced on the defensive side. This year we have brought some pieces back and you can see that the kids feel more com-

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fortable and confident in their assignments. They just continue to step up and make plays when they need to."

A lot of the credit for that success, Hooper said, goes to defensive coordinator Rodney Armes.

When he was first hired as the Hawks' head coach, Hooper had one person in mind for the defensive coordinator spot on his staff—and he was able to convince Armes to come out of retirement after several years away from coaching.

Armes has poured into the defense, building up the players' confidence, and it has been paying off in spades.

"Coach Armes has done a great job with putting our kids in a good position on defense," Hooper said. "The kids have done a great job trusting what he is telling them to do and they step up and execute."

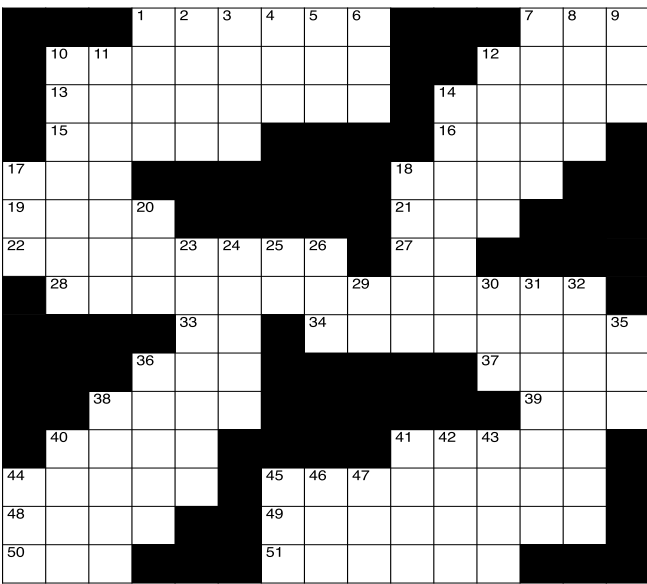
After five weeks, the Hawks are 5-0.

They haven't reached those heights since the 2017 started 7-0, but Hooper and his boys aren't satisfied—and they aren't finished.

Winning the first five games is just a step toward where they want the program to be.

"I think if you told anyone outside of our locker room that we would start this season 5-0, they would have called you crazy," Hooper said. "We have come such a long way and our kids have worked to make this happen. This has been a great season to this point and when you look at the crazy things we have had to overcome, sitting at 5-0 feels great. But we also know that 5-0 was never the end goal. You get 24 hours to enjoy the last win then it's back to work. We are in district play now, so every game on the schedule has more meaning than the one before."

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Fall is a good time to add fruit to the landscape

September is a good time to start thinking about fruit trees and plants, not just because cooler

weather is around the corner, but because fall can be an ideal season to get new perennial fruit plantings settled into the landscape.

Many gardeners get most excited about planting in the spring, when garden centers are full and the days are getting warmer. But in Kentucky, October and November often offer an excellent planting window for fruit trees, shrubs and other hardy plants. Once plants are dormant, they can focus on establishing roots before new growth begins in spring. Cooler temperatures also reduce stress from heat, dry weather and weed pressure.

Home fruit plantings can be both productive and attractive. Apples, pears, peaches, cherries and pawpaws can fit into a larger landscape, while blueberries, blackberries, raspberries and strawberries may work well in garden edges, raised beds or

edible landscape areas. Dwarf and semi-dwarf fruit trees are often good choices for home plantings because they are easier to prune, harvest and manage.

Before buying plants, think about the site. Fruit plants generally need full sun, good air movement and well-drained soil. Avoid low spots where cold air settles, because late spring frosts can damage blooms and reduce fruit set. Also consider mature size, spacing and how much

time you realistically have for pruning, watering and pest management. A small, well-tended planting usually brings more satisfaction than a large planting that becomes hard to manage.

Choose varieties that are adapted to Kentucky and look for disease resistance when possible. Pollination matters, too. Peaches are generally self-fertile, but apples, pears, sweet cherries and many plums need another compatible variety nearby to produce well.



ADAM
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Legislators hear about strategies to control microplastic waste

Kentucky is a leader in the bourbon and horse industries. It could also become a pacesetter in innovative strategies to control microplastic waste, according to a recent committee discussion.

Sen. Brandon Smith, R-Hazard, said the topic of microplastics is expected to be broached more in the future. Smith and other legislators on the Interim Joint Committee on Natural Resources and Energy received testimony about efforts to combat the waste.

"It's going to become a very big thing, and one of the reasons Kentucky is looking into it is because we're really leading the way," Smith said. "We were

one of the first states to file a piece of legislation to help direct it and get some ideas and boundaries for it. It is certainly not going to go away."

Jian Shi is a professor in the Department of Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering at the University of Kentucky's Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture. He testified about efforts underway at UK to remove microplastics from water using a special solvent.

Shi said microplastics are a global level-issue because they can move from the water, through the rain, through rivers and to varying places, including into the human body.

"The particle size of plastics, when it

becomes smaller, it becomes even more challenging because it's hard to take out from the water," he said.

Shi said filtration and centrifugation become inefficient or expensive at very small particle sizes. Large plastic is easy to capture. But microplastics are more difficult, and nanoplastics are extremely difficult to capture.

A liquid solvent that works well and is easily available from plant-derived ingredients is used in green solvent extraction, he said.

One way of extracting nanoparticles with green solvents is suspending

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