

# Marion County Beta Club excels at state convention

Marion County High School Beta Club attended the State Convention March 4-6. The club walked away with 32 awards and the State Vice-President officer position while at the convention at the Central Bank Center in Lexington.

- MARION COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BETA 2026 State Winners**
- Savannah Campbell - Kentucky State Vice President!
  - 1st Place: State Service Award
  - 1st Place: Digital Portfolio - Lakota Thompson, Haley Garrett, Autumn Hatt
  - 1st Place: Quilling D2 - Pailee Conley
  - 1st Place: D2 Mixed Media - Kenneth Lanham
  - 1st Place: Speech D1 - Ben Palagi
  - 1st Place: Drawing D1 - Vivian Roberts
  - 2nd Place: Pottery D1 - Hadley Potter
  - 2nd Place: Black and White Photography - Emerson Osbourne
  - 2nd Place: Jewelry D1 - Evelyn Roberts
  - 2nd Place: On-Site Drawing D1 - Vivian Roberts



Photo provided

**Outgoing State President, Marion County senior Aaliyah Bradshaw, gives her keynote address on stage at the state convention.**

- 2nd Place: Psychology -9th Grade - Harley Claunch-Clark
- 2nd Place: Technology - Zay Furman, Thomas ODaniel, EJ Willoughby
- 2nd Place: Three-Dimensional Design - Maddie Ryan, Alyssa Baker, Lucas Gordon
- 3rd Place: Sculpture D2 - Levi Bowen
- 3rd Place: Jewelry D2 - Elizabeth Brady
- 3rd Place: Agriscience -9th Grade - Collin Rakes

- 3rd Place: Social Studies - 11th Grade - Harper Blake
- 3rd Place: Spanish - 9th Grade - Felix Ramos
- 3rd Place: Scrapbook - Kenlee Shewmaker, Ella Marrett, Kenzie Snyder
- 4th Place: Math - 11th Grade - Landon Spalding
- 4th Place: Psychology - 11th Grade - Kenneth Lanham
- 4th Place: Spanish - 11th Asariel Rodriguez
- 4th Place: Engineering - Alex Selby, Brayden Spalding, Carter Leake, Aiden Knopp, Logan Wheatley
- 4th Place: Psychology - 12th Grade - Isabella Sexton
- 4th Place: Club Trading Pin - Kenneth Lanham, Pailee Conley, Darby Conely, Bella Brady
- 4th Place: Robotics - Cameron Knight, Lucas Gordon, Carson Brown, Elaine Bruncez
- 5th Place: Math - 9th Grade - Dylan Robbins
- 5th Place: Social Studies - 12th Grade - Michaela Daugherty
- 5th Place: On-Site Painting D2 - Sarah Ford
- 5th Place: On-Site Cake Decorating D1 - Ava Bright
- 5th Place: Campaign Skit

## HALL

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championship to the school her senior year when she was recognized as the Gatorade Kentucky Girls' Basketball Player of the Year and Kentucky Miss Basketball.

The Lady Knights achieved four consecutive 5th Region championships and three appearances in the Sweet 16 Final Four during her time on the team. The pinnacle came in her senior season, when the team went undefeated and won the state title and she earned tournament MVP honors.

Epps was highly recruited, receiving offers from multiple top programs, and committed to the University of Kentucky. She played professionally after being selected in the 2017 WNBA draft.

Now coaching at Marion County High, she also was heard last week on statewide radio providing color commentary on broadcast from the girls' state basketball tournament.

In the past year, she also has been named to the UK Athletic Hall of Fame and the KHSAA Dawahares Hall of Fame.

"To be getting calls and the recognition for what I did many years ago, to be exemplified and put on the wall in the Hall of Fame amongst the greats of the

state of Kentucky, it's an amazing feeling," Makalya Epps said. "Somebody asked me, 'how many more halls and walls can you go on?' I don't know."

The Hall of Fame, which was established in 2012, has a tradition of announcing its list of honorees each year just before the boys' state tournament. The induction ceremony has been scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, in the Lexington Opera House, 401 W. Short St.

Tickets are not yet available. The facility has a seating capacity of 1,000.

Others on the latest list of honorees are coaches Allen Feldhaus Sr. of Mason County, Allen Feldhaus Jr. of Madison Central and Chrysti Noble of Rockcastle County and players Pat Doyle of North Marshall High, 1959 graduate; Tony Kimbro, Seneca High, 1985; Noel "Tick" Rogers, Hart County, 1992; Herbie Stamper, Hindman High and then Knott County, 1974; Bob Tallent, Maytown High, 1964; Fred Tisdale, Logan County, 1984; and Rebecca Greenwell Wathen, Owensboro Catholic, 2013.

With the latest class of 12, the Kentucky High School Basketball Hall of Fame will have recognized 203 coaches, players and contributors who represent the essence of the game at its pinnacle.

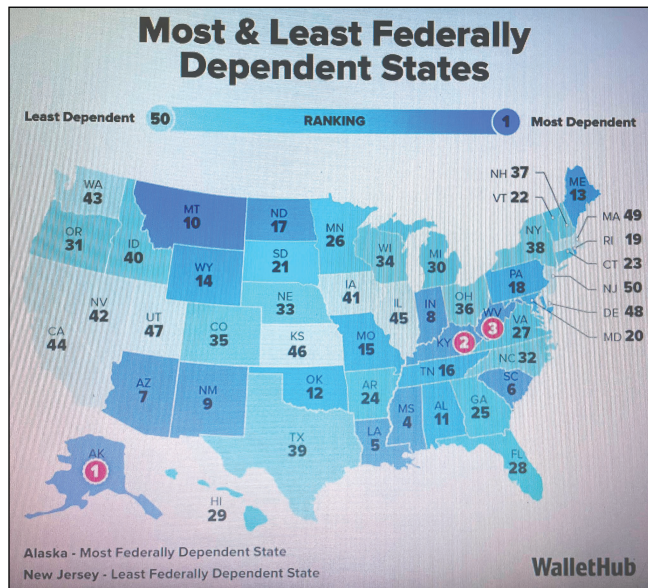
# Kentucky ranks second in receiving federal funds

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When it comes to receiving funds, only Alaska ranks ahead of Kentucky, according to a new release from WalletHub.

"Regardless of whether the distribution of federal funds is fair or not, living in one of the most federally dependent states can be beneficial for residents," said Chip Lupo, WalletHub analyst. "For every dollar residents of the top states pay in taxes, they get several dollars back in federal funding, which often leads to higher-quality infrastructure, education, public health and more."

States receive federal aid for a wide range of reasons, from disaster relief and public health emergencies to investments in education, transportation, infrastructure, healthcare, and more. While some states receive significantly more aid



than others, the total dollar amount alone doesn't tell the full story. To better understand the impact of this funding, it's important to put it in context such as by examining what share of a state's overall revenue it represents and how much the federal government

recoups through taxes paid by the state's residents. Alaska scored 79.91, just ahead of Kentucky's 77.35. Kentucky ranked fourth in state residents' dependency, and fifth in state government's dependency. Of the Top 10 states most dependent on federal funds, nine are

classified as Red States, with New Mexico, which ranked ninth, the lone Blue State. Blue States had an average rank of 32.00, while Red States had an average rank of 21.52. The smaller the number, the more dependent a state is.

Kentucky is the second-most federally dependent state, in large part because it receives a huge amount of federal funding compared to the taxes that residents pay. For every \$1 paid in taxes, Kentucky gets \$3.45 in federal funding. For context, 40 states get less than \$2 in federal funding for every tax dollar.

Federal funding makes up a large share of Kentucky's revenue as well, at nearly 44%, among the highest in the country. Kentucky doesn't have quite as many federal jobs as other states, though. Around 1.8% of the state's residents are employed by the federal government, which puts Kentucky around the middle of the 50 states

for that particular metric.

For further clarity on the problems contributing to federal-funding disparities, WalletHub talked to a panel of economics and public policy experts. One of the questions posed was "should federal resources be allocated to states according to how much they pay in federal taxes or should some states subsidize others?"

"First, to be clear, states do not pay federal taxes; their residents, businesses, and visitors pay them," said Dr. Samuel B. Stone, PhD, Professor of Public Administration, Division of Politics, Administration, and Justice, California State University, Fullerton, College

of Humanities and Social Sciences. "The rationale behind some states subsidizing other states is that we understand that there is frequently a resource/need mismatch across jurisdictions. Many communities simply do not have the resources

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hereby declares its intention(s) to apply for a Limited Restaurant License(s) no later than March 31, 2026.  
The licensed premises will be located at  
116 Cyril Circle Lebanon Kentucky 40033  
The owner and president is Owner, Luvia Mendosa of 262 N. Proctor Knott Ave Apt 6 Lebanon KY 40033  
Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the granting of the license(s) by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 500 Mero Street 2NE33, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601, within thirty (30) days of the date of legal publication.

**Employment Opportunity - Water Distribution Maintenance Operator**

Lebanon Water Works Company is seeking a dependable and motivated individual to fill the position of Water Distribution Maintenance Operator. This position is responsible for maintaining and repairing the water distribution system to ensure safe and reliable service to our community.

**Minimum Qualifications:**  
Valid Kentucky driver's license  
High school diploma or GED  
Ability to work outdoors in all weather conditions  
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Class A Commercial Driver's License (CDL)

**Additional Requirements:**  
Must obtain certification as a Distribution Operator through the KY Division of Water in a timely manner

**Responsibilities Include:**  
Repair and maintain water distribution lines  
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Please submit a resume or complete an application no later than March 18, 2026.

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**SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE 2026-04**  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NOS. 2013-09 (AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED), 2014-01 AND CHAPTER 116 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LEBANON: ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1. Renames the license and lowers the license fee for Special temporary alcoholic beverage auction licenses (formerly "Distilled spirits and wine special temporary auction license") to \$100 per charitable event to conform to the revised KRS 243.070 which was amended after the City last amended its ordinance in 2017.
2. Increases the non-quota retail malt beverage license from \$105 to \$130 per license.
3. Increases the special temporary license from \$105 to \$130 per license.
4. No other section of the existing ordinances is altered by this amendment.

The full text of this Ordinance is available for examination in the City Clerk's Office, 240 West Main Street, Lebanon, Kentucky 40033. INTRODUCED AND PUBLICLY READ FIRST TIME: February 9, 2026 PUBLICLY READ SECOND TIME AND PASSED: March 9, 2026 APPROVED: Gary D. Crenshaw, Mayor - ATTESTED: Gina N. Wheatley, City Clerk

I, Kandice Engle-Gray, hereby certify I am an Attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. My office is located at 153 East Main Street, Lebanon, KY 40033. I further certify the foregoing Summary of Ordinance 2026-04 of the City of Lebanon, Kentucky, was prepared in accordance with the requirements of KRS 83A.060(9) and is a true and accurate summary of the contents of said Ordinance.

Kandice Engle-Gray, City Attorney, City of Lebanon, Kentucky

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-05**  
AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE CITY OF LEBANON'S INTENT TO ANNEX 43.729± ACRES OF TERRITORY LOCATED ALONG THE CITY'S NORTHWESTERN BOUNDARY ALONG VETERANS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY AND OWNED BY GRISSAN RNG 1, LLC

WHEREAS the territory intended to be annexed consisting of a certain tract of land presently identified as 43.729± acres, of unzoned territory depicted at Plat Cabinet 5, Slide 1098, located along Veterans Memorial Highway, Kentucky is contiguous to the City of Lebanon on its northwestern boundary.

WHEREAS the territory intended to be annexed is either urban in character or suitable for urban development without unreasonable delay; and,

WHEREAS the proposed territory to be annexed is all situated within the County of Marion, Kentucky, and not within another incorporated city or in the process of being incorporated, nor within an agricultural district; and,

WHEREAS the real property owners of the territory proposed to be annexed have given their consent to be annexed and have requested that the annexation proceed simultaneously with the application for zone change pursuant to KRS §100.209; and,

WHEREAS the City declares it desirable to annex that certain tract of land presently identified as 43.729± acres, being unzoned territory depicted as a portion of Plat Cabinet 5, Slide 1098, located along Veterans Memorial Highway, Lebanon, Kentucky, further and more particularly described in this ordinance and its attached Exhibit A, for purposes of economic growth and development of the City expressly related to affordable housing and to accomplish provision of services throughout the annexed territory.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City of Lebanon, as follows:

1. Pursuant to KRS §81A.420, the City of Lebanon hereby declares it desirable to annex, and hereby publishes its intent to annex through the enactment of this ordinance, the territory described below and shown on the map attached to this ordinance as Exhibit A. Exhibit A is incorporated into this ordinance by reference as if copied in full.
2. All prior Municipal Orders or Ordinances or parts of any Municipal Order or Ordinance in conflict herewith are hereby repealed, but only to the extent of such conflict.
3. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and, if any section, phrase or provision shall, for any reason, be declared invalid, such declaration of invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance.
4. This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to KRS §83A.060 in that it was introduced on February 9, 2026, and given final reading on March 9, 2026, and said Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon signature, recordation and publication in accordance with KRS Chapter 81A and KRS Chapter 424.

CITY OF LEBANON, KENTUCKY - GARY D. CRENSHAW, Mayor - Attest: GINA N. WHEATLEY, City Clerk

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