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Second measles case confirmed in Lewis County

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VANCEBURG — The Lewis County Health Department (LCHD) has confirmed two cases of measles within the county as of Thursday, Sept. 17.

According to the LCHD, it and the Kentucky Department of Health are actively investigating these cases. No additional information has been released regarding the patients.

“Measles is a respiratory virus that causes high fever, rash, cough, runny nose, and red eyes. Measles can be serious, especially for babies, young children, and people with weakened immune systems,” the LCHD warned. “Now is the time to check your vaccination status.”

The LCHD further noted that the measles,

mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine is the most efficient way to protect against the disease.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), measles symptoms include a high fever that may exceed 104 degrees Fahrenheit, coughing, runny nose, red and watery eyes, and a rash that breaks out three to five days after the onset of symptoms. Because measles can be serious, individuals should vaccinate their children according to the CDC’s recommended immunization schedule.

The Kentucky Measles Case Data states that there are now 50 confirmed measles cases in Kentucky, consisting of 48 patients who are unvaccinated or unsure of their vaccination status, one with a single MMR dose and one who



has been fully vaccinated.

For more information on measles, visit www.cdc.gov/measles.

To check the

“If you are unsure of your vaccination status, please reach out to your health care provider or call your local health department about getting protected,” the LCHD concluded.

25 Years Later: Maysville community gathers to honor and remember 9/11 victims and heroes

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On Friday, Sept. 11, 2026, a 25th anniversary remembrance ceremony of the 9/11 attacks was held in downtown Maysville.

Individuals gathered at the Mason County Courthouse Courtyard to honor and remember those who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001.

Mason County Judge Executive Owen McNeill welcomed those present to the ceremony, stating that 25 years ago, the nation experienced a day that changed it forever.

“On Sept. 11, 2001, Americans woke up to an ordinary Tuesday morning. By the end of that day, nearly 3,000



Members of the Maysville Honor Guard salute during a moment of silence at the 9/11 remembrance ceremony in downtown Maysville on Sept. 11, 2026.

innocent people had lost their lives, families had been changed forever and our country had been reminded of both the fragility of life and the



Photos by Lauren Tatman/The Ledger Independent
Members of the Maysville Honor Guard place a wreath at the 9/11 remembrance ceremony in downtown Maysville on Sept. 11, 2026.

incredible strength of the American spirit,” said

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Simon Kenton Festival returns for 50th anniversary

Bringing Kentucky’s frontier history to life

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This year, the Simon Kenton Festival is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

Visit Maysville has stated that festivities will begin on Saturday, Sept. 19 with demonstrations, music, handcrafted artwork, beer and craft vendors, and children’s farms. The event will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 20, with activities taking place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday.

“Celebrate Maysville’s founding father and experience our living history,” Visit Maysville expressed. “This weekend will be sure to provide you with historical knowledge, a treasured keepsake, and memories



Courtesy of Visit Maysville

The Simon Kenton Festival is celebrating its 50th year.

that will last a lifetime.”

According to Maysville Tourism Director Katelyn Bailey, visitors can witness exciting historical reenactments, militia drills, frontier demonstrations, museum tours, children’s activities, tomahawk throwing and many other programs that explore the people and stories that helped shape early Kentucky.

She noted that there



Simon Kenton Festival workers pose for a photo.

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Maysville City Commission meets, discusses infrastructure

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On Thursday, Sept. 10, the Maysville City Commission held its regular monthly meeting.

Following the public announcement and public comment period, the commission approved the appointment of Casey Appleman to the position of lieutenant in the Maysville Fire Department (MFD). Appleman has served the



Rick Lawrence
Lieutenant Casey Appleman's wife pinning his new badge during the ceremony on Thursday.

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Pride at the Center of the Universe



Last weekend, the Augusta Pride Committee and the Maysville Commission on Human Rights partnered to host a Pride celebration in downtown Maysville. Organizer David Green announced the performers, who came from Maysville and Columbus, Ohio. Left to Right: Vee Love, Nichelle Kartier, Maria Garrison, David Green, Rita Dela Novah



Maria Garrison was one of Friday's performers.

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