

Helping Hands Outreach opens doors at new location



Pictured are the organizers behind Helping Hands Outreach — now located at 60 Sue Bennett Circle. Pictured from right are Mary Lou Lawson, Mike Hansen, Betty Baker, Karen Giles, Mary Darlene Robinson, Denene Howard and Ginny Hayes. | PHOTO BY MACEE SWAFFORD

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LONDON — Helping Hands Outreach, a ministry dedicated to serving individuals and families in need, has officially opened at its new location at 60 Sue Bennett Circle and marked the occasion with a grand opening celebration last Wednesday.

The outreach is open to the public Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. — offering a variety of services including clothing, shoes and other essential items for those in need. Volunteers also prepare and serve home-cooked meals every Wednesday as part of the ministry's ongoing efforts to support the community.

Among the outreach's initiatives is Christopher's Walk Shoe Ministry, which collects men's shoes in sizes 10 and larger to distribute to those who need them.

"It all goes back out to the community," said longtime volunteer Mary Lou Lawson. "We take care of all of Laurel County; we are so excited."

Lawson also showcased the outreach's refrigerator, which was generously donated by Father Jim Sichko.

Previously operating out of New Life Church, the ministry recently relocated to the Sue Bennett Circle facility. The building was made available through the generosity of Keith Lakes, who operates New Hope Counseling Services in the same area. Lawson and

other volunteers expressed their gratitude to Lakes for donating the space to help

the outreach expand its services.

Inside the new facility, visitors will find a large clothing closet filled with donated items, as well as supplies set aside for individuals who have lost their homes due to disasters. A separate room is also used for seasonal programs, including the ministry's annual Christmas gift-wrapping efforts and the preparation of more than 300 fully stocked backpacks distributed each July ahead of the start of the school year.

With the new location now open, Helping Hands Outreach continues its mission of providing practical assistance and community support, welcoming those in need Monday through



The outreach program has a wide selection of many clothing items made available through donations. | PHOTO BY MACEE SWAFFORD

Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donations can also be made to the outreach during these times.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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Laurel County Board of Education will be accepting bids for the School Picture bid

The Laurel County Board of Education will be accepting bids until 2:00 pm, Thursday, March 19, 2026 for the School Picture Bid. Copies of bids can be picked up at Central Office,

718 North Main Street, London, KY weekdays 8:00 am-4:00 pm. Bids will be awarded at 5:00 pm Monday, March 23, 2026. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

London-Corbin Airport is having a Surplus Equipment Auction

London-Corbin Airport Surplus Equipment Auction is auctioning a 1993 Massey Ferguson 283 4x2 tractor and a 2005 Chevrolet TrailBlazer on www.govdeals.com beginning Wednesday, March 18, 2026

at 10:00 am EDT and ending Monday, March 30, 2026 at 230pm EDT. Items may be inspected in person at the London-Corbin Airport, 566 Hal Rogers Dr, London, KY 40744 during normal business hours of 7am-7pm, 7 days a week.

The Laurel County Board of Elections will meet to examine the voting equipment to be used in Laurel County during the May 19th, 2026 Primary Election

The Laurel County Board of Elections will meet to examine the voting equipment to be used in Laurel County during the May 19th, 2026 Primary Election (including voting equipment designated for use during absentee voting) on Friday March 20th, 2026 at 10:00a.m. This inspection will be held in the County Board of Elections room on the 1st

floor of the Laurel County Courthouse. Pursuant to KRS 117.165(3), any candidate, one (1) representative of each political party having candidates to be voted for at the election, and representatives of the news media may be present when the examination of the voting equipment is made by the county board of elections.

The Sixth Circuit Judicial Council received applications from people interested in appointment to the bankruptcy judge position

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGESHIP EASTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY AT LEXINGTON The Sixth Circuit Judicial Council received applications from people interested in appointment to the bankruptcy judge position. A Merit Selection Panel considered all applications received and recommended the following candidates: Adam M. Back, Katherine A. (Katie) Bell Dames,

Ellen Arvin Kennedy, Megan R. Seliber, and David J. Treacy. Full public notice is available at www.ca6.uscourts.gov. Any person may now submit written comments for consideration by the Judicial Council and the Court of Appeals. Public comments must be received by March 30, 2026. Please contact Marc Theriault, Circuit Executive, (513) 564-7200 for further information.

Request for nominations and notice of election of representative of the low-income to Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, Inc Board of Directors

Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, Inc. is soliciting nominations for a Laurel County low-income representative to serve on its Board of Directors. The low-income representative must reside in Laurel County at the time of election and for the duration of their term on the board.

received by the deadline will be placed on the ballot. An election will be held Monday, April 20, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (EST) at the Daniel Boone Community Action Agency Laurel County Office located at 188 Dog Patch Trading Center, London, KY 40741.

Vote submit nominations to the Daniel Boone Community Action Agency Laurel County Office located at 188 Dog Patch Trading Center, London, KY 40741. Nominations must be received by 4:30 p.m. (EST), Monday, April 6, 2026. To request a nomination form, contact Robin Whitaker at (606) 598-5127. All nominations

Voters must: be a Laurel County resident, must meet the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Federal Poverty Guidelines, and be 18 years of age or older.

The nominee receiving the most votes will serve until the term expires. Election results will be submitted to the Board Chairman.

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