

# Casteel places 1st in January fast draw shoot

The Bluegrass Fast Draw Club held its first competition of the new year on Jan. 25 at its home range, 117 Madison St. in Beaver Dam, Ky.

20 competitors tried their hand at fast draw.

The results are:

**LADIES DIVISION**

1st place — Grayson County High School graduate Gabriella Casteel, AKA Ladybug, from Hartford, Ky.

2nd place — Paula Sissel, AKA Ms. Cisco, from Shepherdsville, Ky.

3rd place — Katie Hanks, AKA Gun Shy, from Lewisport, Ky.

4th place — Julie Small, AKA Hold on Julie, from

Hartford, Ky.

5th place — Peggy Turner, AKA Lead Foot T, from Doniphan, Mo.

**Men’s Division**

1st place — Roger Sims, AKA Rowdy Rog, from Hartford, Ky.

2nd place — Andrew McFarlin, AKA Run Fatman Run, from Hendersonville, Tenn.

3rd place — Robin Russell, AKA Bobtown Red, from Russellville, Ky.

4th place — John Casteel, AKA Johnny James, from Hartford, Ky.

5th place — James Casteel, AKA Shane, from Horse Branch, Ky.

6th place — Dan Turner, AKA Trapper Dan, from Doniphan, Mo.

7th place — Brent Cobb,

AKA Rock Bottom, from Utica, Ky.

Fastest Time for the ladies was Ladybug with a 0.576.

Fastest Time for the men was Run Fatman Run with a 0.337.

Have you ever wondered how it would be to step back in time to face the gunfighters of the old west like Wild Bill Hickok or John Wesley Hardin? You can now find out in the sport of Cowboy Fast Draw. For more information, contact James Casteel at 270-256-1215 or at bsjwcast@aol.com or John Casteel at 270-256-7212 or jlcasteel@live.com or go to cowboyfastdraw.com.

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Courtesy photo

GCHS graduate Gabriella Casteel, AKA Ladybug, pictured far left, placed 1st in the Ladies’ Division in the Bluegrass Fast Draw Club’s January club shoot.

# Kentucky deer hunters achieve record successes

Highest harvest for public lands and antlered deer; second-highest total harvest

Hunters collectively recorded a near record harvest of deer during Kentucky’s just concluded 2024-25 season.

Hunters took 149,868 deer — the state’s second-highest harvest ever recorded. Additionally, hunters harvested more deer from public land than any previous year. The percentage of antlered deer taken this past season also set a record.

“We’re very pleased with harvest results,” Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Deer Program Coordinator Joe McDermott said. “We had a great season, even with subpar weather at times.”

The 2024-25 deer hunting season closed on Jan. 20. The season’s harvest is second only to 2015, when hunters took 155,730 deer. The recently completed season’s total is more than 6,000 higher than the 10-year average of 143,442. Kentucky also saw its highest buck, or male deer, harvest on record at 86,071 deer (57.4%), including buck fawns.

A breakdown of harvest by permit type shows 76% of deer were harvested on a state-wide or youth deer permit; 16% were landowner permits; and 7% were with senior or disabled permits. The remaining deer were harvested during public land quota hunts or through deer control damage permits.

Kentucky residents accounted for 80% of the deer harvested.

Statewide deer hunting season kicks off annually in Kentucky with archery season in early September. Modern gun season for deer, which runs for three weeks in November, generally accounts for more than two-thirds of the annual overall harvest each year. For the 2024-25 season, 107,392 (71.6%) deer were taken by firearm, 16,662 (11.1%) were taken by bow, 14,020 (9.4%) were taken with crossbows and 11,794 (7.9%) were taken using muzzle-loading firearms.

Poor weather during the opening weekend of modern gun season didn’t lend the most desirable hunting conditions in the field, but harvest data shows it didn’t prevent hunters from getting outside.

“The opening weekend of modern gun is traditionally responsible for our largest percentage of Kentucky’s overall deer harvest each year, so we’re very

glad that hunters stuck with it despite the weird weather,” McDermott said. “We had a great turnout for modern gun season.”

“We can see evidence of hunters doing a good job of being selective and avoiding taking young deer,” McDermott said, noting that 71% of harvested bucks were at least 2-and-a-half years old.

The age composition of the buck harvest has remained stable since the department began

tracking this metric through the department’s “Telecheck” big game check-in system in 2016. Telecheck helps ensure lawful harvests and records important biological data for monitoring harvest trends.

The harvest of female deer remained below the 10-year average for a second straight year, with 63,797 does reported. 5% of deer taken this season were buck fawns (7,503 deer).

Biologists hope to see the harvest rate between adult male and female deer level out more in the future.

Biologists divide the state into six regions.


The harvest percentage in the Green River Region was the highest with 29% of the overall state harvest, followed by the Bluegrass (27%), Southeast (18%), Purchase (14%) and Northeast (12%) regions.

Kentucky’s public lands also produced higher deer harvests in the 2024-25 season. The top wildlife management areas (WMAs) for deer harvests included Peabody (616 deer), Taylorsville Lake (264), Barren River Lake (198), Green River Lake (184) and Clay (174) WMAs.

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# LEGAL NOTICE

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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF LEITCHFIELD, KENTUCKY ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025, BY ESTIMATING REVENUES AND RESOURCES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF CITY GOVERNMENT**

WHEREAS, The City of Leitchfield, Kentucky has heretofore adopted its budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, by ordinance enacted June 17, 2024 and

WHEREAS it is necessary to amend the said budget ordinance in order to more accurately reflect the revenues and expenditures of the City of Leitchfield, Kentucky in certain budget categories,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF LEITCHFIELD, KENTUCKY AS FOLLOWS:

- That Sections I and II of the hereinabove described budget ordinance are amended to read as follows, (with deleted portions being indicated by a single line drawn through them and added portions being indicated by a solid line drawn beneath them):

**City of Leitchfield/Leitchfield Utilities/Leitchfield Tourism Amended Budget Ordinance**

	General Fund 2025	Amended General Fund 2025	Utility Fund 2025	Amended Utility Fund 2025	Tourism Fund 2025	Amended Tourism Fund 2025
<b>Projected Cash at June 30, 2024</b>	<b>\$ 11,839,237</b>	<b>\$ 11,839,237</b>	<b>\$ 12,442,661</b>	<b>\$ 12,442,661</b>	<b>\$ 1,627,799</b>	<b>\$ 1,627,799</b>
<b>Revenue</b>						
Net Profits Returns	780,000	780,000				
Occupational Taxes	3,000,000	3,000,000				
Property Taxes	856,000	856,000				
Insurance License Taxes	1,423,000	1,423,000				
Franchise Taxes	310,000	310,000				
ABC Application & Regulatory Fees	266,600	266,600				
Other Licenses	900	900				
Restaurant Taxes	950,000	950,000			950,000	950,000
Transfer of Restaurant Taxes	(950,000)	(950,000)				
Hotel Taxes	10,000	10,000			10,000	10,000
Transfer of Hotel Taxes	(10,000)	(10,000)				
Mineral Severance Income	22,400	22,400				
Rental Income	54,150	54,150				
Other Revenue	141,000	157,000				
Interest Income	14,050	300,050				
Sale of Property	61,000	61,000				
Grant Income	776,900	1,641,017			1,550	1,550
HB 413 / Base Court Revenue	10,300	10,300				
Incentive Pay	86,000	86,000				
IDC Contributions	40,000	40,000				
Fire Runs	-	-				
Grayson County Fire Dues	148,150	148,150				
State Aid - Fire Department	11,500	11,500				
P&Z/Code Enforcement Permits & Fees	7,360	7,360				
Municipal Road Aid	135,600	135,600				
Garbage Pick Up Fees	1,560,000	1,560,000				
Solid Waste Dumping Fees	1,150,000	1,150,000				
Recycling Fees	5,000	5,000				
Animal Shelter/Animal Control Income	93,650	96,750				
Parks & Recreational Income	145,400	189,480				
Healthplex Center	10,000,000	10,000,000				
Water Sales			2,496,050	2,496,050		
Sewer Sales			1,663,808	1,663,808		
Gas Sales			3,659,500	3,659,500		
Grant Income			679,800	679,800		
Tourism Other Income					48,700	48,700
Tourism Aquatic Center Revenue					244,500	244,500
<b>Total Current Year Revenue</b>	<b>21,098,960</b>	<b>22,312,257</b>	<b>8,499,158</b>	<b>8,499,158</b>	<b>1,254,750</b>	<b>1,254,750</b>
<b>Total Revenue &amp; Carryforward</b>	<b>32,938,197</b>	<b>34,151,494</b>	<b>20,941,819</b>	<b>20,941,819</b>	<b>2,882,549</b>	<b>2,882,549</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>						
General and Administrative	3,101,300	3,324,585				
Alcoholic Beverage Control	401,575	404,950				
Industrial Development	133,650	133,650				
Police Department	2,319,375	2,338,500				
Fire Department	1,287,030	1,293,230				
Planning & Zoning	375,400	375,400				
Public Works Department	4,757,460	6,023,677				
Animal Shelter/Animal Control	506,010	509,110				
Parks & Recreation	887,125	939,655				
Health Plex	10,000,000	10,000,000				
Water			3,706,100	3,706,100		
Sewer			2,393,650	2,393,650		
Gas			3,115,275	3,115,275		
Capital Improvements			3,319,639	3,319,639		
Tourism					1,048,075	1,048,075
Tourism Aquatic Center					828,400	828,400
<b>Total Current Year Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 23,768,925</b>	<b>\$ 25,342,757</b>	<b>\$ 12,534,664</b>	<b>\$ 12,534,664</b>	<b>\$ 1,876,475</b>	<b>\$ 1,876,475</b>
<b>Current Year Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ (2,669,965)</b>	<b>\$ (3,030,500)</b>	<b>\$ (4,035,506)</b>	<b>\$ (4,035,506)</b>	<b>\$ (621,725)</b>	<b>\$ (621,725)</b>
<b>Adjustment for Non-Cash Budget Items (Depr)</b>			<b>\$ 1,575,500</b>	<b>\$ 1,575,500</b>		
<b>Projected Ending Cash Balance with Carryforward</b>	<b>\$ 9,169,272</b>	<b>\$ 8,808,737</b>	<b>\$ 9,982,655</b>	<b>\$ 9,982,655</b>	<b>\$ 1,006,074</b>	<b>\$ 1,006,074</b>

2. ADOPTED, this the 21st day of January 2025 after first having been read on the 14th day of January 2025.

Harold Miller, Mayor

Lori Woosley, City Clerk