## **Casteel places 1st in January fast draw shoot**

The Bluegrass Fast Hartford, Ky. Draw Club held its first competition of the new Turner. AKA Lead Foot T. year on Jan. 25 at its from Doniphan, Mo. home range, 117 Madison St. in Beaver Dam, Ky.

competitors tried Hartford, Ky. 20their 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 Sis-sel, AKA Ms. Cisco, from Shepherdsville, Ky.

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

4th place — Julie Small, from Doniphan, Mo. AKA Hold on Julie, from

5th place — Peggy Men's Division

1st place — Roger Sims, AKA Rowdy Rog, from

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

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

Casteel, AKA Johnny James, from Hartford, Ky. 5th place — James Casteel, AKA Shane, from

6th place — Dan Turner, AKA Trapper Dan, cowboyfastdraw.com.

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 4th place — John 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

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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 ment's "Telecheck" total harvest

ed 2024-25 season.

Hunters took 149,868 season." deer - the state's second-highest harvest of hunters doing a good ever recorded. Addition- job of being selective ally, hunters harvested more deer from public land than any previous year. The percentage of past season also set a half years old. record.

with harvest results," Kentucky Fish and the department began state into six regions. 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 statewide 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.

Hunters collectively glad that hunters stuck recorded a near record with it despite the weird harvest of deer during weather," McDermott Kentucky's just conclud- said. "We had a great turnout for modern gun

"We can see evidence and avoiding taking young deer," McDermott said, noting that 71% of harvested bucks antlered deer taken this were at least 2-and-a-

"We're very pleased of the buck harvest has more in the future. remained stable since

through the depart- age in the Green River big game check-in sys- with 29% of the overall tem in 2016. Telecheck state harvest, followed helps ensure lawful by the Bluegrass (27%), harvests and records Southeast (18%), Purimportant biological chase (14%) and Northdata for monitoring harvest trends.

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).

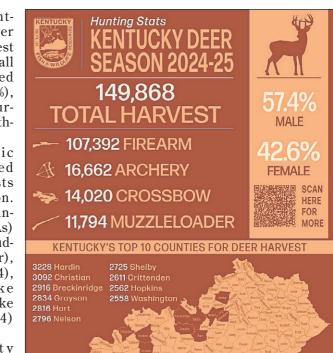
see the harvest rate between adult male and The age composition female deer level out WMAs.

Biologists divide the

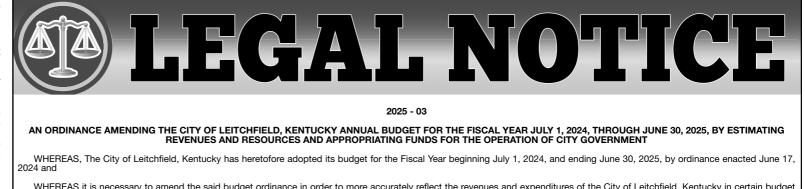
tracking this metric The harvest percent-Region was the highest east (12%) regions.

Kentucky's public The harvest of female 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), Biologists hope to Barren River Lake (198), Green River Lake (184) and Clay (174) Hardin County

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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:

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 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

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	General Fund 2025		Utility Fund 2025	Utility Fund 2025		
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roperty Taxes	856,000	856,000				
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B 413 / Base Court Revenue	<u> </u>	10,300			,	
icentive Pay	86,000	86,000				
DC Contributions	<u> </u>	40,000				
re Runs	10,000	10,000				
rayson County Fire Dues		148,150				
adjoint County The Dues		11,500				
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&Z/Code Enforcement Permits & Fees	<del>7,360</del>	7,360				
unicipal Road Aid	<u> </u>	135,600				
arbage Pick Up Fees	<u> </u>	1,560,000				
olid Waste Dumping Fees	<del>1,150,000</del>	1,150,000				
ecycling Fees	<del></del>	5,000				
nimal Shelter/Animal Control Income	<del>93,650</del>	96,750				
arks & Recreational Income	<u> </u>	189,480				
ealthplex Center	<del>10,000,000</del>	10,000,000				
ater Sales			<del>2,496,050</del>	2,496,050		
ewer Sales			<del>1,663,808</del>	1,663,808		
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rant Income			679,800	679,800		
purism Other Income					48,700	. 48
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eneral and Administrative	<u> </u>	3,324,585				
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dustrial Development	<u> </u>	133,650				
olice Department	2,319,375	2,338,500				
re Department	<del>1,287,030</del>	1,293,230				
anning & Zoning	<del>375,400</del>	375,400				
ublic Works Department	4,757,460	6,023,677				
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apital Improvements			3,319,639	3,319,639		
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otal Current Year Expenses	<del>\$ 23,768,925</del>		<del>\$ 12,534,664</del>		<del>\$ 1,876,475</del>	
urrent Year Net Income (Loss)	<del>\$ (2,669,965)</del>	\$ <u>(3,030,500)</u>	<del>\$ (4,035,506)</del>	<u>\$ (4,035,506)</u>	<del>\$ (621,725)</del>	<u>\$ (621,</u>
djustment for Non-Cash Budget Items (Depr)			<del>\$ 1,575,500</del>	<u>\$ 1,575,500</u>		

Harold Miller, Mayor

Lori Woosley, City Clerk