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LEGAL NOTICES

REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF INTEREST

The **Hancock County Board of Education** will receive Letters of Interest from Qualified Construction Managers for both Pre-Construction Phase Services and Construction Phase Services for the new Hancock County Middle School.

Interested and qualified Construction Managers (CM) are to respond by submitting a one-page letter of interest to:

**Superintendent Robby Asberry
Hancock County Schools
83 State Route 3543
Hawesville, KY 42348**

Letters of interest will be received until 3:00PM CDT on July 24, 2025. **Letters of Interest received after this date will not be accepted.**

New Regional Collaborative Launches to Address Mental Health as a Core Component of Community Well-Being in Western Kentucky

RiverValley Behavioral Health, Owensboro Health, and the Green River District Health Department have partnered to form the Green River Regional Mental Health Collaborative, a unified effort to improve overall health outcomes in Western Kentucky by addressing the region's mental health challenges.

Through this collaboration, organizational leaders from each entity meet monthly to assess community needs, share updates, identify service gaps, and align efforts to ensure individuals and families, particularly in rural and underserved areas, can access the vital mental health resources they need. This comprehensive approach aims to promote long-term wellness by identifying and addressing mental health as an essential pillar of overall health.

"Mental health is not separate from physical health; it is fundamental to it. We can't expect to improve our community's health without prioritizing mental well-being," said Dr. Wanda Figueroa-Peralta, RVBH President & CEO. "When we address mental health, we are also addressing chronic disease, substance use, maternal health, and countless other health outcomes that are interconnected. This Collaborative allows us to tackle these issues more effectively together. By

breaking down silos and addressing mental health as a vital part of community health, we are working toward a healthier, more resilient region."

According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), while the need for mental health services is great, many do not seek the help they need due to stigma, lack of awareness, believing their symptoms are not serious enough, financial barriers, and lack of accessibility.

These challenges are even more pronounced in rural communities, where limited access to care, provider shortages, and persistent stigma create significant barriers to treatment. NAMI also reports that more than 3 million Kentuckians live in areas with a shortage of mental health professionals, highlighting the critical need for expanded resources and support across the state.

RiverValley Behavioral Health and Owensboro Health have partnered for three years to provide CredibleMind, a free population level mental health and wellness platform. According to CredibleMind, "prioritizing mental and emotional wellbeing is essential in navigating the complexities of modern life."

The use of the platform, its many resources and assessments have been astounding.

Now, the Green River Regional Mental Health Collaborative is working to raise awareness of CredibleMind and all available mental health resources, including the 988 Crisis Lifeline, to reduce stigma, and encourage help-seeking behaviors throughout the region.

The Collaborative also aims to improve access to care and promote education through HealthyMindKY.org—a new digital hub that connects the community to vital, 24/7 mental health tools such as the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline and CredibleMind, both offering free, professional support.

"Owensboro Health recognizes the importance of addressing mental health and well-being as a part of one's overall health. Forming this Collaborative was an objective under the OH Strategic Imperative, Partnering with Our Communities and with RiverValley's leadership, alongside the Green River District Health department, we are working together to impact mental health in the communities we serve—every individual, every family, every organization, one person at a time," said Debbie Zuercher, Owensboro Health Director of Community Engagement.

To launch the new strategy, the group has introduced a public awareness campaign

aimed at encouraging individuals to take proactive steps toward their mental well-being. The campaign emphasizes that seeking help is a sign of strength, not weakness, and works to normalize conversations around mental health. Its messaging highlights the vital link between mental health and overall wellness, aiming to resonate broadly and reduce stigma across all communities.

More information about the campaign, including a public toolkit and where to get free mental health awareness promotional materials can be found on the collaborative's new landing page, healthy-mindsky.org.

The HealthyMindKY.org platform serves as the landing site for the collaborative and offers community members easy access to free resources and educational tools.

"We are honored to join forces with Owensboro Health and River Valley Behavioral Health in a unified effort to promote mental health awareness and well-being within our community. Through this partnership, we aim to amplify the conversation around mental health, reduce stigma, and ensure that individuals have access to the support and resources they need," said Clayton Horton, Public Health Director, Green River District Health Department.

HC FAIR

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prizes! Kentucky Farm Bureau, Kyle Culbreth, is generously sponsoring the \$100 Grand Prize.

Pony Pull

Everyone loves the Pony Pull event, and it starts at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, in the Horse Arena!

Demo Derby

There are two Demolition Derbies this year! Entries are limited, and pre-registration is required. The Big Car Wire Class, 2-Man Team Demo Derby starts at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday. The entry fee is \$400. The 1st Place prize is \$5,000! The 2nd place prize is \$2,000, and the 3rd place prize is \$1,000.

Miss Teen & Fair Queen

Thursday evening, the Miss Teen pageant starts at 7:30 p.m., and the Hancock County Fair Queen pageant begins at 8:00 p.m. Both are held on the Pavilion Stage.

Friday

On Friday, August 1st, the Gate Admission is \$10, and covers all rides, with Ride Time beginning at 5:00 p.m. The Bluegrass Pony & Mule Pullers Association Haflinger & Mule Pull begins at 4:00 p.m., in the Horse Arena. Weigh-In is from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. If you have questions, call Mark Ballard at (859) 339-7753.

Laser Tag begins at 4:00 p.m., and Jed Guillaume will be per-

forming on the Produce Stage at 6:00 p.m. Battle at the Grounds Go Kart Racing begins at 7:00 p.m.

The Tiny Tots, and Little Miss & Mister Hancock County pageants will be held on the Pavilion Stage Friday evening. The Tiny Tots pageant begins at 6:30 p.m., Little Miss Hancock County begins at 7:30 p.m., and Little Mister Hancock County begins at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday

The Hancock County Homemakers will have their annual Pancake Breakfast at 8:00 a.m., on Saturday, August 2nd. The Baby Contest and Youth Sports both begin at 9:00 a.m. The 4-H Rabbit Show starts at 10:00 a.m. ATV Drag Racing, the Hobo Contest, Doll Show, and Bubble Gum Contest all kickoff at 11:00 a.m. Gate Admission is \$10, and rides begin at 2:00 p.m.

Sensory Friendly Ride Time

Autism Advocates of Hancock County are having a Sensory Friendly Ride Time on Saturday, from 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. This is the third year they have organized a designated ride time for sensory-sensitive individuals, their siblings, and caregivers. First Class Services and Labor Management Federal Credit Union are this year's sponsors. *Please register by July 30th, by contacting Chelsea Boling, Rachel Cox, or Tiffany Abbott.

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Cake Walk

The Cake Walk on Saturday begins at 11:45 a.m. *Please bring brownies, cookies, cupcakes, and cakes to the pavilion "Queen" room between 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m., for the Cake Walk!

Homecoming is at 1:00 p.m. The Pedal Tractor Pull and Pet Show both begin at 2:00 p.m. Laser Tag is at 4:00 p.m. The very popular Ranch Sorting event starts at 5:00 p.m., and the Hancock County Junior Princess & Prince pageants kickoff at 6:00 p.m.

Fun Mule Show

Saturday's Fun Mule Show is at 6:30 p.m. in the Horse Arena, and showcases a Rescue Race, Mule Limbo, Dizzy Bat for 12 & Under, and 13 and Over, Barrel Race, Tater Race Waggon, Pony Express, and more. The Chairperson is Daniel Cameron; Call with any questions at: (270) 315-5958.

Demo Derby

The Demo Derby on Saturday features Mini Cars, MWFA & Pro Stock, and begins at 7:00 p.m. The entry fee is \$50. 1st place prize is \$1,000, 2nd place prize is \$500, and 3rd place prize is \$250. The entry is FREE for the children's Power Wheels, and the First-Place winner receives a trophy!

Exhibits

Exhibit categories include: Needle Crafts, Special Needs Art, Flowers, Collections,

Kids' Corner, Hancock County Homemakers Quilts, Scholastic Events, FCCLA Dept., Antiques, Fine Arts, Photography, Creative Arts, Crops, Garden Produce, Canned Goods, and Baked Goods.

Volunteers Needed

The Hancock County Fair Board would love to see some fresh faces show up to volunteer! They are looking for volunteers, especially to help with entering exhibits on Wednesday, 1:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m., and also to help with entering winners and placing ribbons on exhibits on Thursday, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

4-H students, Future Farmers of America students, and Junior Firefighters volunteer their time to make the fair amazing each year for the community, and all of the board members dedicate many hours each year to ensure that this community event is better and better. Many local businesses sponsor the fair every year, and numerous residents in the Hancock County community volunteer their time and effort every year as well. Show up, pitch-in, and help these folks out if you can!

The Hancock County Fair is held at the HC Fairgrounds, located at 1430 St. Rt. 1389. The website is: hancockcountykyfair.com. Like and follow the Hancock County KY Fairground Facebook page to stay updated!



Wednesday Men's League 7/2 had a WHOPPING 62 golfers; that may be a record!!! First place went to Canaan King, Stephen Crowe, Brandon Severs and Kevin and Justin Kurz with 9 under. Second place went to Scott LaMar, David Baker, David Payne and Steve Corley with 8 under. In third place was Mike, Mark and Jay Garvin, Walt Allen and Norman Fuchs with 6 under. Rounding out the field in forth was the team of Ray and Jason Staples, Tom Vessels, Cowden Sr and Mike Hensley with 5 under in a wpo. Grant Robinson won the Closest to the Pin prize of \$62 and was the only name on the board!!! Congrats Grant!!! If you're on #6 green you need to measure and put your name on that board cuz ya just never know!!!

We didn't have Couple's League because of the 4th of July Scramble earlier that day.

Monday Senior League 7/7 had 33 golfers! This was also the

most we've had in attendance in a while! In first place in a western playoff was Marty Backer, Rick Newton, Larry Henrickson and Ralph Dixon with 9 under. In second place was Gerald Yackle, Duane Poole, Jay Oliva, Darrell Wroe and Doug Wolf also with 9 under. Third place was won by Tom Vessels, Ray Staples Jr, Rick Hess and Alan Berry with 8 under in a western playoff. We had a few 8s and 9s! The Closest to the Pin was won by Pat Payne, Russ and Mary Newton and Jerry Birchler. The longest putt was made by Gerald Yackle!!! Everyone that played thanks you Gerald!

Had 46 golfers play in the 4th of July Scramble on Friday. Everyone had a good time!!!

HC Hornet golf practice will start on the 15th, so be aware of them out on the course.

Next tournament here will be the Tri-State Ladies on the 24th. Course will be closed until 2pm.

Keep looking for our coolers in your cart sheds, cars and garages. We have several missing.

