

Shelter pet of the week



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Fathead is seeking a home that loves hugs!

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Fathead is a sturdy, handsome 1-year-old Staffordshire Terrier looking for a new couch to cuddle on. He is a good boy with other dogs, cats, and kids. Fathead's compact body harnesses the wiggles and makes him a perfect lap dog (he

asked me to say that). He would likely do better in a harness than a collar for leash walks until he has more experience with it, but he is eager to learn. He loves playing with toys and is very motivated to find the squeaker. Fathead has been neutered and is up to date on his vaccinations. His adoption fee is \$90.

Jocelyn Corbin of Meade County Public Library honored by the KPLA

Submitted by:
KPLA

Jocelyn Corbin of Meade County Public Library has been honored by the Kentucky Public Library Association (KPLA) as one of the Fresh Faces of 2024. The Fresh Faces program highlights the contributions of public library staff throughout Kentucky and encourages idea-sharing among regions, specialties, and library sizes.

Each year, eight

KPLA members are selected - two from each KDLA region - whose ideas and efforts are moving their libraries into the future. KPLA members of any age who have been in their current position (full or part-time, certified, or uncertified) in a public library for five years or fewer are eligible. Honorees have opportunities to learn from KPLA executive leadership, committee chairs, and fellow Fresh Faces participants.

Local Girl Scout troops come together for World Thinking Day



Girl Scouts taking part in the dragon dance.

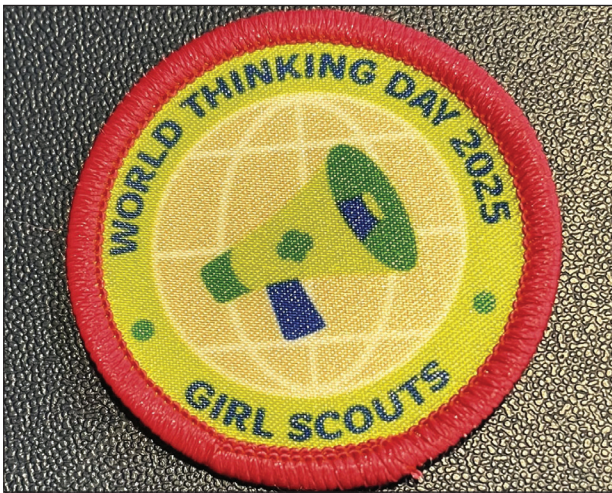
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Girl scouts from Meade County and two other neighboring counties met Saturday, February 22nd, to celebrate World Thinking Day. The annex of the Meade County Public Library was decorated with flags from around the world and set up to allow the girls to participate in different activities that encouraged them to think creatively in positive ways.

Eighteen girls in total were divided between four different stations around the room. At station one, they were encouraged to "write a message to their future self," about what would make the world a better place. Station two invited the girls to "get to know someone from another country." This station was set up to teach about China. There was

a large poster board with facts about Chinese Zodiac, geographical data, cultural highlights, etc. Station three was for drawing yourself as a superhero and focused on having the confidence to speak up for yourself. Station four was set up to "create a message," about what the girls see in the world that they think could be improved. Some of the ideas given were- a cleaner planet, no more poverty, and equal rights for all people.

What began in 1926 as Thinking Day, evolved into World Thinking Day in 1999 at the 30th world conference. This new title was thought to be a better way to show the connection the girls have with each other, all over the world. According to Troop 1494 Co-leader, Nicole Parkman, the event is an "International Day of Friendship, and a time to stand up



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World Thinking Day 2025 badge.

for causes that could improve the lives of girls all around the globe." Parkman has two daughters in the troop she volunteers with. Troops 1147 and 847 were also in attendance.

Next to Parkman's station, a long set of tables held piles of tissue paper in assorted colors and textures. Each young lady got to design a box with colorful adornments to serve as their part of a long dragon that was used for the dance held after their pizza lunch. For completing the day's tasks, the girls were given a special World Thinking Day badge that they can have sewn onto the front of their vest. Troop 1494 Leader Sandy Briles spoke about how meaningful the event is for them. "I just like getting the girls together, showing them that there is more than just their bubble. It is about ex-

panding what they are used to," she said.

World Thinking Day is celebrated in over 150 countries, and each year is represented by a new theme. For 2025, the theme is Our Story: Reflecting on the symbolism and values of our movement, according to the Girls Scouts 2025 WTD Activity Guide. It goes on to say that the World Association of Girl Guides and Girls Scouts (WAGGGS) is the largest voluntary movement dedicated to empowering girls and young women in the world. It's easy to see that even though everyone running the event today was a volunteer, they put a lot of time and attention into making the day a special one. Briles was happy to share that while "it's absolutely a lot of work, a lot of nights, to see them coming together as a group is rewarding."

2025-2026 Kentucky fishing and hunting licenses available now

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Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources

Licenses and permits are available now to fish, hunt and trap in Kentucky in the coming license year, beginning March 1. With some of the finest outdoor opportunities available anywhere, Kentucky's fields, woods and waterways provide adventure for avid outdoors enthusiasts and newcomers alike.

The 2025-2026 license year starts Saturday, March 1, and runs through Feb. 28 of next year. License and permit fees for Kentucky residents are unchanged from the 2024-2025 license year, which lasts until Friday, and most non-resident fees will remain the same.

In Kentucky, a license covers basic hunting or fishing for many species, whereas additional state permits are required when pursuing specific other species, such as fishing for trout or hunting for migratory birds, deer, wild turkey or black bear. Sportsmen's-type licenses include multiple permits as well as basic hunting and fishing priv-

ileges.

For the 2025-2026 license year, prices for four non-resident options reflect a moderate fee increase, including:

- Annual Hunting License (nonresident) - \$160
- Spring Turkey Permit (non-resident) - \$110
- Fall Turkey Permit (non-resident) - \$110
- Deer Permit (non-resident) - \$235

Introduced last year, the resident Senior Lifetime Sportsman's License remains priced at \$180. It includes hunting and fishing licenses plus permits for trout, deer, spring and fall turkey, migratory game birds and waterfowl. It is available to Kentucky residents aged 65 and older, who can purchase it once and then simply carry an electronic copy or reprint each year to display the current license year.

Seniors in Kentucky still have the option to purchase an annual Senior Sportsman's License that provides the same licenses and permits for the license year for just \$12. Resident anglers have the option to purchase an annual Fishing License for \$23 or a 3-year Fishing License

for added convenience and value at just \$55.

Licenses and permits are sold online through Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's website License Sales portal, searchable off the homepage at fw.ky.gov. Licenses and permits also are sold at agent locations across the state. A list of license agents by county is available on the department's website.

The department receives its primary funding through revenue raised by the sale of hunting and fishing licenses, as well as federal excise taxes generated by the sale of recreational firearms and ammunition, archery gear and fishing equipment.

Springtime provides many opportunities to take someone new into the field. Youth turkey weekend is April 5-6, while the main turkey season opens a week later, on April 12. The Youth Sportsman's License, available to residents ages 12-15, is a great value at \$30 and covers turkey hunting and deer hunting.

The warmer weather also provides for fantastic fishing across the state. Learn about those op-

portunities in our Fishing and Boating Guide.

Another great resource is the Fish Boat KY app. Available free from iTunes and Google Play, the app helps anglers find waterbodies, boat ramps and other water access from the palm of their hand. Users can also search by species of fish, store copies of their licenses, and much more using the smartphone app.

To learn all the basics on hunting and fishing, the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website (fw.ky.gov) has many resources for individuals new to the sports. For in-person classes, search Hook and Cook or Field to Fork on the site. Classes are offered across the state to provide learning opportunities for all ages.

Anglers from throughout the central United States come to Kentucky to fish its waters, including the state's renowned trout fishery in the Cumberland River and the crappie fishery in Kentucky and Barkley lakes. Kentucky is a top destination nationally for deer hunting and maintains the largest elk herd east of the Rocky Moun-



Photo from Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources
Two fisherman enjoy a peaceful day on the water—ensuring they have the proper fishing licenses is key to preserving this experience for years to come.


tains. The application period to apply for a 2025 elk hunt runs through April 30.

For more information about hunting and fishing opportunities

in Kentucky, visit the department website at fw.ky.gov. For questions, please call 1-800-858-1549, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (ET) weekdays, excluding holidays.



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