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EF-1 TORNADO CONFIRMED IN LOGAN

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An EF-1 tornado touched down in Logan County Friday night, the National Weather Service in Louisville confirmed. While no one in Logan County was injured, the death toll in Kentucky from Friday's storms reached 19, Gov. Andy Beshear announced Sunday.

Tornadoes, wind and hail tore across Southern Kentucky from Friday evening into Saturday morning, leaving widespread destruction. Seventeen deaths were confirmed in Laurel County and

one in Pulaski, with victims ranging in age from 25 to 76.

Residents of Todd, Christian, and Trigg counties woke up Saturday morning to damage after tornadoes went through the area. Christian County Emergency Management Director Randy Graham said Christian County had quite a bit of damage throughout the county with power outages, downed trees and power lines.

The National Weather Service confirmed on Sunday that two tornadoes went through Christian County, one an EF2.

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Thunderstorm cells ripped through Logan County on Friday and the first of the week, one creating a confirmed EF1 tornado with wind speeds between 86 and 110 miles per hour. This photo was taken in South Logan near Olmstead as a storm approached Russellville on Monday. More photos on **PAGE 10**.

Logan County Fishing seeks boat captains to expand program

BY DENISE SHOULDERS
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The Logan County Schools Fishing Team, an extracurricular activity offering a team sport opportunity beyond traditional athletics, is seeking community support to expand its roster.

Coach Chad Eggleston said the team, primarily composed of high school students, has seen significant interest from seventh and eighth graders recently.

While a dozen high schoolers intend to return next school year, even more junior high students are interested.

However, a shortage of boats and volunteer captains currently limits participation. Each boat requires two student anglers and a captain aged 19 or older.

Eggleston said boats must be at least 16 feet long, have working livewells, a kill switch, and a horn or whistle and meet fish and wildlife regulations.

Prospective captains must pass a background check and complete a training video.

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Honor Guard ready to honor veterans

BY DENISE SHOULDERS
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Months of practice have paid off for a small group of volunteers who want to honor veterans one final time.

Rick McCormick, a Logan County veteran who served honorably in the United States Navy and Army, has been on a mission to ensure that veterans are honored one last time.

He's worked since August 2024 to rally the community to create a local all-volunteer organization whose focus is to honor veterans for the final time by providing a firing party for a three-volley salute, playing TAPS, and flag folding for their funeral.

Volunteers Sandra Lame, Timothy Alexander, Gerald "Jerry" Head and others have been practicing for months preparing for the first call.

All of these volunteers are veterans themselves.

Alexander, who served a combined 25 years in the United States Army and Army National Guard, said he wanted to do this "to honor the fallen troops because they gave up everything for us." He added that he believes every American should remember the fallen soldiers because "they are the ones who gave us our freedom."

Lame, a United States Army and Navy veteran who currently serves



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Tim Alexander and Jerry Head practice folding the flag while Kip Black and Rick McCormick watch.

the American Legion as service officer, said she volunteered to be a part of this group because "it's another way for me to continue to serve my country."

Head served as a staff sergeant in the United States Army and completed 16 years of service.

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Adairville Council begins 2025-26 budget review

BY DENISE SHOULDERS
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The Adairville City Council held its first reading of the proposed 2025-26 fiscal year budget on Monday, May 12, with a second reading anticipated for June 9.

Mayor Donna Blake

presented the balanced budget proposal, which projects \$6,236,410 in anticipated revenues and \$6,569,788 in expenditures. The difference will be covered by an estimated \$3.982 million in carry-over funds from the previous fiscal year. No ques-

tions or comments were raised during the public hearing.

Spending allocations include \$564,583 for general government, \$303,094 for police, \$33,700 for fire, \$162,153 for parks, \$75,498 for streets, \$23,000 for economic development, and

\$5,407,760 for water and sewer.

General Fund revenues are expected from property taxes, licenses and permits, intergovernmental revenues and other charges.

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