

Paducah resident to receive National Theatre Award

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PADUCAH — Roy Hensel of Paducah, Kentucky, is being honored with the Robert E. Gard Superior Volunteer Award by the American Association of Community Theatre (AACT). The 2025 AACT National Awards will be presented at an awards ceremony during AACT-Fest 2025 National Theatre Festival in Des Moines, Iowa. To participate in all the exciting AACTFest 2025 events during June 25-28, 2025, register at aact.org/25. The AACT Robert E. Gard Superior Volunteer Award is presented to volunteers over the age of 65 who have faithful-

ly served community theatre for more than 25 years. Visit aact.org/awards for information on all AACT National Awards, 2025 AACT Award winners, and previous honorees. Roy Hensel has been a dedicated member of Market House Theatre in Paducah, Kentucky, since 1982. What began at age 32 as a personal interest quickly grew into a lifelong passion and a full family affair. Throughout the decades, Roy has participated in nearly every facet of the theatre, from fundraisers and murder mysteries to ghost tours and stage productions.



Roy Hensel of Paducah, Kentucky, is being honored with the Robert E. Gard Superior Volunteer Award by the American Association of Community Theatre (AACT).

He has performed in more than 45 plays, with his love for community theatre inspiring his children, and now grandchildren, to follow in his footsteps. One of his most treasured memories includes sharing the stage with his son and grandson in a single production, proudly representing three generations of Hensels on the Market House stage. For Roy, Market House Theatre is more than a venue — it's a second home filled with laughter, legacy, and lifelong connections. AACT provides networking, resources, and support for America's theatres. AACT represents the interests of more than 7,000 theatres across the United States and its territories, as well as theatre companies with the U.S. Military Services overseas.

Mapalo Mwansa hopes to walk NFL draft stage

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Mapalo “Maz” Mwansa’s journey to the NFL has been unique, even for a league that continues to expand its international footprint.

The 20-year-old Mwansa grew up in Peterborough, England, and played rugby, soccer, basketball, track and field and cricket in high school. He ended up at Loughborough University to study economics and finance and turned heads when he ran the 100 meters in 10.48 seconds at a “sports day” on campus.

Told American football might be an option, Mwansa “threw myself into the university team” and has worked tirelessly since to improve. Now, after a crash course that included learning from popular Netflix series “Last Chance U” and “Quarterback,” Mwansa hopes to get selected in the NFL draft.

“I would never have thought I would be doing this four or five years ago,” Mwansa told The Associated Press. “Even two years ago, football was not in the picture for me. The journey’s been a complete whistle-stop tour, and I’m trying to soak in as much as I can and just enjoy every bit of the process.”

“If you don’t enjoy it, it shows throughout your results. But I love this game, and I will continue to love her and try to better myself each way I can. The journey is crazy when I think about it.”

The 6-foot-2, 230-pound linebacker ended up with the Nottingham Caesars and then landed a spot with the national team for the 2024 European championships — all while juggling a full-time job at Baker Tilly International, one of the top accounting firms in the world.

He gained more attention at a Canadian Football League combine in the United Kingdom and landed an invite to the NFL’s International Pathway Program, which provides a 10-week training camp at IMG Academy in Bradenton, Florida, and a showcase at USF’s annual pro day in nearby Tampa.

Mwansa will travel to

Green Bay, Wisconsin, to attend the draft and maybe make the walk across the stage.

“We hope to hear some good news,” he said.

He’s hardly alone. Here are other international players hoping for the best in the upcoming draft:

JAMES BURNIP

The former Alabama punter is looking to become the latest Australian to earn an NFL roster spot. He averaged 45.37 yards a punt in 2024, which ranked 11th in the nation. But his 6-foot-6, 235-pound frame has him near the top of many specialist rankings heading into the draft.

JEREMY CRAWSHAW

The former Florida punter is another Australian expected to get drafted and could go before Burnip. The 6-3 Crawshaw never missed a game, averaged a school-record 46.4 yards over four seasons with the Gators and was named a team captain in 2024.

KURTIS ROURKE

The former Indiana quarterback played most of last season on a torn knee ligament. The 24-year-old Canadian had surgery in January and is expected to be fully recovered in time for training camp.

In his sixth college season, Rourke threw for 3,042 yards, with 29 touchdowns and five interceptions, while leading Indiana to the College Football Playoff. He spent the previous five years at Ohio.

NATHANIEL SALMON

The 20-year-old tight end previously played professional basketball in New Zealand and Australia. At 6-5 and 245 pounds, Salmon has NFL size, which makes him an intriguing IPP prospect.

LAKI TASI

The 21-year-old defensive lineman played at the highest level of rugby in Australia. At 6-6 and 348 pounds — and with 34-inch arms — he has the size and toughness to be a force in the trenches. He also is an IPP member.



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In this February image provided by the NFL, Mapalo “Maz” Mwansa looks on at the IMG Academy where the NFL’s International Players Program train in Bradenton, Fla.

INSPECTION PERIOD FOR THE PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT ROLL

The Caldwell County real property tax roll will be opened for inspection from May 5th through May 19th 2025. Under the supervision of the Property Valuation Administrator or one of the deputies, any person may inspect the tax roll. This is the January 1, 2025 assessment on which state, county, and school taxes for 2025 will be due about September 15th 2025. The tax roll is in the office of the Property Valuation Administrator in the county courthouse and may be inspected between the hours of 8:00am and 4:00pm Monday through Friday and on Saturdays from 8:00am to 10:00am or later by appointment.

Any taxpayer desiring to appeal an assessment on real property made by the PVA must first request a conference with the PVA or a designated deputy. The conference may be held prior to or during the inspection period. Written documentation supporting your opinion of value will continue to be required. You will be instructed on the best method to submit your documentation when you make your request for a conference. After the conference with the PVA or designated deputy, any taxpayer still aggrieved by an assessment on real property may appeal to the county board of assessment appeals.

The appeal must be filed with the county clerk’s office no later than one work day following the conclusion of the inspection period. Please contact the county clerk’s office to receive instructions on the method the office is using to accept appeals this year and to obtain a form that can be used to file your appeal. Any taxpayer failing to appeal to the county board of assessment appeals, or failing to appear before the board, either in person or by designated representative, will not be eligible to appeal directly to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

Appeals of personal property assessments shall not be made to the county board of assessment appeals. Personal property taxpayers shall be served notice under the provisions of KRS 132.450(4) and shall have the protest and appeal rights granted under the provisions of KRS 131.110.

The following steps should be taken when a taxpayer does not agree with the assessed value of personal property as determined by the Property Valuation Administrator.

- (1) An individual must list under protest (for certification) what is believed to be the fair cash value of the property.
- (2) A written protest must be filed directly with the Department of Revenue, Office of Property Valuation within 30 days from the date of notice of assessment.
- (3) This protest must be in accordance with KRS 131.110
- (4) The final decision of the Department of Revenue may be appealed to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

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