

Community

Ice cream, auction highlight FB picnic

Greenup County Farm Bureau members gathered on Saturday, Aug. 9, for its annual picnic and auction.



Pam, Lydia & Kenny Imel purchase shirts and bracelets from Farm Bureau secretary Lisa Osborne to support Farm Bureau somen’s cancer fund for local residents.

ARC moving outpatient services to Bellefonte

ASHLAND - Addiction Recovery Care (ARC) has announced that its Ashland Outpatient Program, previously located at 2908 Winchester Avenue in Ashland. has officially moved to a new location as part of the continued development of ARC’s Bellefonte Hospital and Recovery Center Campus.

The new outpatient location is housed within the Bellefonte Campus at 700 Saint Christopher Drive, Suite #105, Ashland, KY 41101.

It brings together ARC’s Ashland Outpatient, which provides substance use disorder services, and Bellefonte Hospital and Recovery Center’s Outpatient Services, which provides mental health services, under one roof. This move will centralize and expand services for individuals seeking treatment for substance use and mental health disorders.

“This is an exciting step in our ongoing work to complete and fully activate the Bellefonte Hospital and

Recovery Center Campus,” said Lawrence Vinson, Chief Operations and Nursing Officer at Addiction Recovery Care. “By combining these outpatient services in one place, we’re improving continuity of care and making it easier for clients to access the help they need in a setting designed for growth, healing, and collaboration.”

The phone number for the new location is (606) 744-1877. ARC encourages clients, referral partners, and community members to update their records accordingly and reach out with any questions during the transition.

This relocation is part of ARC’s broader efforts to create a comprehensive recovery hub at Bellefonte Hospital and Recovery Center, with multiple levels of care and wrap-around services. It also supports better integration across teams and allows for expanded programming, all in a single, convenient location.

UK researchers find new marker for brain cancer

By Elizabeth Chapin  
University of Kentucky

LEXINGTON - University of Kentucky Markey Cancer Center researchers have discovered a genetic biomarker that could help identify patients with glioblastoma most likely to benefit from the cancer drug bevacizumab.

The study, published in JCO Precision Oncology, found that brain tumors from patients treated with bevacizumab who lived longer were more likely to have a genetic change called CDK4 amplification.

This suggests that testing for the molecular marker could help oncologists identify patients most likely to respond well to bevacizumab treatment.

“The findings could help oncologists make more informed treatment decisions for glioblastoma patients, potentially sparing those unlikely to benefit from unnecessary side effects while ensuring those who might respond get access to the drug,” said

Dr. John Villano, the study’s lead author and a professor at the UK College of Medicine.

Glioblastoma accounts for about 15% of all brain tumors and usually occurs in adults between the ages of 45 and 70. It is the most aggressive form of brain cancer, with patients typically surviving less than 15 months following diagnosis.

Bevacizumab, one of the medications commonly used to treat recurrent glioblastoma, works by blocking blood vessel growth in tumors.

For many patients, its use has been associated with increased progression-free survival and improvement in symptoms and quality of life. However, there has been no way to predict which patients

would benefit the most from the treatment.

The research team analyzed tumor samples from 3,106 glioblastoma patients, including 571 who received bevacizumab.

This research represents the first large-scale study to identify molecular markers associated with prolonged bevacizumab response in brain cancer patients.

The study’s collaborators include UK faculty members Dr. Catherine Garcia, Rachael Morgan, Pharm.D., Dr. Farhan Mirza and Dr. Shulin Zhang. The team also included Jill Kolesar, Pharm.D., former director of Markey’s Precision Medicine Clinic and current dean at the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy.



ABOVE: Ice cream and conversation was part of the picnic on Saturday. BELOW: Tractor rides were great entertainment during the evening.





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