

MYVIEWS

25 years after the attack

American Airlines Flight 77 was over eastern Kentucky when hijackers likely took control on the morning of Sept. 11, 2001. They turned the plane south, then east toward Washington. At the Pentagon, Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Edward Earhart, 26, of Morehead, was working on a day he was supposed to be off. A fellow service member needed help, so he came in.

As someone who served our country as a Navy SEAL and attended Morehead State University, Earhart's story strikes a particular chord with me.

His service looked very different from mine, but that is one of the important things to understand about the United States military. Every person has a role, and every role contributes to the mission. Earhart was an aerographer's mate who studied weather and sea ice to help Navy ships find safe routes through dangerous waters. An iceberg appeared on his computer screen saver.

After his funeral, coworkers signed his white Navy cap, affectionately referred to as a Dixie cup in naval conversation, and gave it to his family. Today, that cap is part of the National September 11 Memorial & Museum's collection.

To most people, a white Navy cap may seem like a simple object. To anyone who has worn the uniform, it represents something more. It represents service, the people you served alongside and the commitment you shared to something larger than yourself.

Earhart did not report to the Pentagon that morning expecting to become part of American history. He went because someone needed him.

There is something deeply familiar in that simple act. Military service teaches you that the person beside you matters. You show up for your teammates. You do your

job. You accept responsibility when it is asked of you.

On Sept. 11, Earhart showed up. Twenty-five years later, his story also gives us a way to see past the enormous scale of the attacks. Nearly 3,000 lives were taken that day, and the images remain among the most recognizable in American history. But behind every number was an individual life, a family and a story worth preserving.

That distinction becomes more important as the years pass. The 9/11 Memorial estimates that 100 million Americans have no lived memory of the attacks. Those who remember Sept. 11 often recall remarkably small details: where they were when they first heard, the television they watched or the person they called.

Younger Americans have none of those memories. They know Sept. 11 through what we choose to teach them. Pearl Harbor made this passage before it, moving from an event millions of Americans personally remembered to a history later generations inherited. Sept. 11 is now following that same path.

Memory itself cannot be handed down. The responsibility to remember can. We can preserve an honest account of what happened that keeps the people at its center. We can teach younger generations not simply how the buildings fell, but who was inside them, who ran toward danger and who answered the call in the months and years that followed.

Because the history of Sept. 11 extends well beyond the smoke and wreckage of that Tuesday morning.

This year, the 9/11 Memorial's anniversary commemoration will include a seventh moment of silence. Six mark the moments when the planes struck, the towers fell and Flight 93 crashed. The

seventh, observed after the reading of names, honors those who later died from illnesses related to Sept. 11.

There is no corresponding minute on the clock for those losses. Their toll accumulated quietly over the years. America's military response would also stretch across a generation.

By late 2001, the 101st Airborne Division's 3rd Brigade had deployed from Fort Campbell to Afghanistan. Thousands of Kentucky National Guard soldiers and airmen would mobilize in the years ahead. Across the country, countless Americans raised their right hands, deployed overseas and served in a conflict that would shape much of the next two decades.

As a veteran, I know military service is never carried by the service member alone. Families serve too. Kentucky families planned their lives around departures and homecomings. Spouses carried additional burdens at home. Parents waited for news from far away. Children grew older while a mother or father served overseas. Some families welcomed their loved ones home. Others experienced sacrifices that can never be repaid.

The television coverage eventually moved on. Those families could not. That, too, is part of the history future generations will inherit. Twenty-five years after Sept. 11, we are reaching a point when remembering must become more deliberate. We will not always be here to explain why that day changed America. The date will remain. The familiar footage will remain.

Our responsibility is to make certain the people remain with them. "Never forget" cannot simply mean repeating two words every September. It means remembering the names and the lives they lived. It means honoring those who ran toward danger and those who answered the nation's call

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Golden Rod not allergen you think

Golden rod not the allergen you think I am allergic to many things when it comes to seasonal pollen...so trust me when I say don't blame your late summer sneezes on this lovely perennial. There are about 100 species of golden rod in North America, twenty of which can be found in Kentucky. So, it is no surprise that Solidago, or golden rod, is Kentucky's official state flower.

Golden rod is most apparent in late summer and early fall along roadsides and fields that go uncut. And just as golden rod is in full display so is the more insidious ragweed. Golden rod gets the blame because we notice it blooming bright yellow in field and garden; it is an erroneous allergy association because the real irritant is the unassuming ragweed. The insignificant blooms of ragweed produce pollen that is light and floats through the air easily as it blows about. Golden rod, on the other hand, has very heavy pollen and does not easily blow about. Instead, it must rely on the movement of bees, butterflies and birds to carry it on their feet from one place to the next. Ragweed goes unnoticed and golden rod

gets the bad rap. So, yes, it is time to stop blaming golden rod for your runny nose and itchy eyes and plant some in your herbaceous perennial border. If it grows well in the wild imagine what it can do under cultivation.

Golden rod is a very sturdy native plant that is well-suited to perennial borders that require little attention. It is a reliable bloomer that takes full-sun and proves drought tolerant, as you might suspect. We are most familiar with the species Solidago, where clusters of tiny flowers form a bright yellow pyramid. This species can reach upwards of 5 to 6 feet in well-drained, moist soil. But, thanks to a variety of named cultivars, we have a number of golden rods that bring other unique qualities to the garden.

The two that you will likely find available include Solidago rugosa 'Fireworks' and S. sphacolata 'Golden Fleece'. 'Fireworks' is great for the back of the border because it will reach 3 to 4 feet in height, likely over 4 feet if provided with adequate moisture. This cultivar is compact and clump forming. The most interesting quality of this goldenrod is the radiating flowers: each flower spike that makes up the cluster

bursts upward before it softly arches, just like a sky filled with yellow fireworks. The cultivar remains one of my favorites in the garden.

True to its name, 'Golden Fleece' has a fleecy quality that looks fuzzy, like you aren't wearing your glasses. This effect is especially noticeable when it is planted in masses. Because of 'Golden Fleece's' medium height, 18 inches, it is good in the middle of the border or as ground cover plant in full-sun situations.

For all golden rod species, you can cut them back by half in early to mid-July if you have the need to reduce the size. In early winter go ahead and cut back the stems to ground level, where you will notice a neat, green rosette of foliage, which typically remains semi-evergreen throughout the winter.

Another favorite roadside native flower (some assert weed) is ironweed. The deep purple, almost electric-colored flowers are unmistakable in late summer. New York Ironweed, Vernonia noveboracensis, is worth having in your garden for its late summer/early fall display. Ironweed likes moist, well-drained soil so watch it during very dry periods. It can reach up to 7 feet in height so it should be situated to the back of the border.

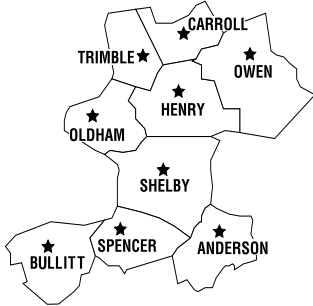
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LEGAL NOTICE

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE AMENDMENT OF THE ANDERSON COUNTY ZONING MAP ORDINANCE NO. 2027-7

Be it ordained by the Anderson Fiscal Court, Commonwealth of Kentucky: SECTION I

The Anderson Fiscal Court has considered the record before the Lawrenceburg/Anderson County, Kentucky Joint Planning Commission in its Docket No. 26-004 including the record of the public hearing held by the Planning Commission on May 12, 2026 and the actions and recommendation of the Planning Commission and its staff as set out in the minutes of its May 12, 2026 meeting. The Anderson Fiscal Court concurs in and adopts the reasons and findings of the Planning Commission for said zoning change and approves and accepts the recommendations of the Commission in this matter as set out in its minutes.

SECTION II

More specifically, the Anderson Fiscal Court concurs in the findings of the Planning Commission and adopts said findings as its own to wit: The request conforms to the Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map Update 2024 Map. The request meets with the goals of #11 and #13 of the Comprehensive Plan.

SECTION III

Therefore, the Zoning Map of Anderson County, Kentucky is hereby amended as it affects the property described here in from A-1 (Agricultural district) to R-1 (Single Family Residential District). The property so rezoned, owned by Gary and Cathy Sloan, is located 0.10 miles northeast of Highway 151 and KY Highway 512 and lying on the north side of KY Hwy 412, Lawrenceburg, Kentucky is more fully described as follows:

Said tract of land lying and being in Anderson County, Kentucky on the west side of Harrodsburg Road (Old US 127) and being more fully described as follows: Beginning at a found #4 steel rebar with cap stamped "Carroll 1734", said rebar being a corner to Kelley Goins (DB 265 PG 493), thence with the line of Kelley Goins

S 57°28'03" E 566.71' To a found #4" steel rebar with cap stamped "Carroll 1734", said rebar being a corner to the right of way of KY Hwy 512; thence leaving the line of Kelley Goins and with the right of way of KY Hwy 512, S 32°38'38" w 60.62' To a point, thence S 32°21'36" w 30.00' To a steel #4 steel rebar with cap stamped "Rhody 4528"; thence S 32°21'3411 w 124.30' To a found #4 steel rebar with cap stamped "DPS 3432"; thence S 32°21'3511 w 49.10' To a found #4 steel rebar with cap stamped "DPS 3432"; thence S 29°47'3411 w 96.43 To a found 3/4" open top pipe, said open top pipe being a corner to Chanda and Barton Reievvit (DB 288 PG 144); thence Leaving the right of way of KY Hwy 512 and with the line of Chanda and Barton Reivitt, N 64°02'44" W 157.29' To a found #4 steel rebar with no cap, said rebar being a corner to Steve Carrier (DB 217 PG 641); thence leaving the line of Chanda and Barton Reivitt and with the line of Steve Carrier, N 64° 19' 01" W 107.51' To a found #4 steel rebar with cap stamped "Rhody 4528", said rebar being a corner to Jennifer Winingner (DB 311 PG 709); thence leaving the line of Steve Carrier and with the line of Jennifer Winingner N 64° 19' 01" W 95.08' To a #4 steel rebar with cap stamped "DPS 3432", said rebar being a corner to Steve Carrier (DB 217 PG 641); thence leaving the line of Jennifer Winingner and with the line of Steve Carrier, N 04° 24' 17" E 180.42' To a found #4 steel rebar with cap stamped "DPS 3432"; thence N 04° 24' 17" E 193.34' To a found #4 steel rebar with cap stamped "DPS 3432"; thence N 04° 52' 50" E 81.31' To a found #4 steel rebar with cap stamped "Carroll 1734"

Which is the Point of Beginning, containing 4.09 acres, more or less, and being subject to all legal rights of way, easements, and utilities of record or apparent upon the ground. This description is provided solely for zoning and planning purposes and shall not be used for deeds, conveyances, or other instruments of property transfer.

This Ordinance shall be effective from and after its passage, approval and attestation and publication as required by law.

GIVEN FIRST READING ON THE 18th day of August , 2026.

GIVEN SECOND READING, PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Fiscal Court of Anderson County, Kentucky, upon motion of Magistrate Dean Durr, seconded by Magistrate Leslie Edmonson at a duly convened meeting thereof held on the 1st day of September, 2026

/S/ORBREY GRITTON ANDERSON COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE

ATTEST: /S/COUNTY CLERK