

PLEAS FROM THE POUND

NORMAN

When the woman died in the prime of her life, some family members were completely unprepared. Those particular family members had to say good-bye to her and to each other. Those five family members were pups. One by one they’ve been coming to the Shelter, as space opened. Now the last one, Norman, has arrived.

Like his canine family members, 18-month-old, neutered Norman had a happy puppyhood and young adulthood. He learned to believe that everyone was his friend, cats, dogs and humans of every age. Norman, a yellow Labrador – Fox Hound mix, also learned everything that a gentleman house dog should.

Even though his owner broke his heart, she couldn’t help that. And she gave Norman everything he needed to fit into any family.



KNOX

Knox wasn’t a lucky pup. He received basic care at his first home but none of the extras that an intelligent shepherd mix longs for. The handsome fellow didn’t have the lessons that he would have enjoyed. Knox didn’t have the pleasure of feeling like he was a good boy, a loved boy.

So, Knox came to the Shelter shy, insecure and confused about what to expect from strangers. After all, Knox hadn’t been a valued member of a family. But, luckily for him, Knox is smart and perceptive.

The frightened fellow watched the shelter staff and visitors. He watched other pups’ reactions. Then Knox took a chance and risked asking if he could be loved, too. Now he believes. He’s ready to go home.



BUDDY

Strikingly handsome six-month-old Buddy wears a charcoal gray tuxedo, with an ascot around his neck. Buddy is eye-catching, which was the worst thing he could be. His senior owner carried the lap kitten into the shelter, fighting tears. It seems her landlord saw Buddy and said either the kitten went or they both did.

When someone smuggles a pet into a no-pets-allowed rental, she usually gets caught. The pet’s owner suffers. The pet suffers more. Ask Buddy. His life was being a loving, cuddling, purring, perfect house pet.

So, Buddy’s struggling to fit into the group in the Shelter’s cat room. But Buddy’s charming to people and, he hopes, to cats. Buddy’s simply trying to survive until he can return to a life he understands.



COCO

Coco, a dazzling, spayed, two-year-old calico, didn’t realize that her home was conditional. The elegant, shy, but sweet, flame-and-midnight-colored cat believed that she was a family member. However, her owner left Coco at the Shelter. That owner said that, since the shelter had no free cat food to give her, Coco couldn’t stay.

Sometimes a kind company gives the Shelter cat food that it can’t sell. But that’s a gift, not a promise. The Shelter staff always explains that. They remind people, too, that the Shelter gives pet food to help people through a rough period. It’s not a permanent way to feed a pet. Lately the Shelter hasn’t received those gifts.

Coco’s love is priceless. She deserves to live with someone who feels that.



SCOOT

When the three, nine-week-old siblings arrived at the Shelter, they were so cute that they seemed to deserve cute names. They also needed names appropriate for a tiny trio, who would be together for a while. So, the kittens became Boot, Scoot, who’s pictured, and Boogie.

But being cute isn’t much protection. The kittens were fragile, especially Boogie. He was in the Shelter only briefly before he was rushed to the vet. The vet and his caring staff tried everything. That’s what a no-kill shelter, with help from the Grant County Friends of the Shelter, asks.

However, now only Scoot and Boot remain. With the Shelter staff’s care, these two kittens are now healthy, happy and ready to love someone for a very long time.



AROUND THE COUNTY

THURSDAY, OCT. 8

- Grant County Board of Elections, 107 North Main Street, Williamstown at 9:00 a.m. For more information, contact Colton Simpson at (859) 824-3321.
- Williamstown Woman’s Club at Williamstown Baptist Church, 214 North Main Street at 6:30 p.m. For more information contact ritasnowstorm2@gmail.com

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

- Williamstown Senior Center, 400 North Main Street, Williamstown 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, contact Cindy Ray at (859) 824-6415.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

- Grant County Historical Society Meeting, 6 p.m. at the lower level of Williamstown Baptist Church, 214 North Main Street, Williamstown.

Contact Amanda Hackett, Amanda.j.Hackett@outlook.com; (859) 468-9395 for more information.

- Grant County Public Library Board Meeting, 7 p.m. at the GCPL, 201 Barnes Road Williamstown, Kentucky. For information, call (859) 824-2080.
- Williamstown Senior Center, 400 North Main Street, Williamstown 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, contact Cindy Ray at (859) 824-6415.
- City of Williamstown Town Hall Meeting, Williamstown Performing Arts Center, 300 Helton Street, Williamstown, from 6–8 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

- Williamstown Board of Education, 300 Helton Street, Williamstown at 6 p.m. For more information, contact the Office at (859) 824-7144.

- Crittenden City Council, at the City Building 117 South Main Street at 7 p.m. For more information call (859) 428-2597.
- Grant County Republican Party, Williamstown City Building, 400 North Main Street, Williamstown at 7 p.m. For more information contact Eldon Maddox at (859) 946-5029.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

- Grant County Joint Local Industrial Development Authority, 1350 North Main, Williamstown at 8:30 a.m. For more information, contact Jamie Baker at (859) 393-8390.
- Grant County Special Ambulance Taxing District, Old Courthouse 101 North Main Street at 6:30 p.m. Contact Chair Tony Morgan, (859) 992-7081 for more

information.

- Grant County Tourist and Convention Commission, 1350 North Main Street, Williamstown at 5 p.m. For more information, contact Jamie Baker at (859) 393-8390.
- Williamstown Kiwanis, LaRosa’s, 96 Blackburn Lane, Dry Ridge at noon. For more information, contact WilliamstownKyKiwanisClub@gmail.com
- Williamstown Senior Center, 400 North Main Street, Williamstown 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, contact Cindy Ray at (859) 824-6415.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

- Fitness For Life Around Grant County, Google Meets Meetings at 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. For more information and to get the link, contact jodi.cesene@nkyhealth.org.

Corinth moves to approve 2026 tax rates

BY DEBORAH LUCAS ANGEL
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

On Sept. 28, Mayor Dalaney Bishop called the City of Corinth Council meeting to order. All members were present with the exception of Jessica Beach. First reading of the tax rate ordinance headed the agenda.

First reading of the 2026 Tax Ordinance was approved with tax rates remaining the same as in 2025. A special meeting was held to conduct the second reading of Ordinance #26-02 establishing tax rates of 0.265% per \$100 of value for real property and 0.326% per \$100 of

value of tangible property for businesses only for the city. The ordinance was approved.

Other business

- Because she is moving out of the Corinth city limits, Kathy McNabb will resign from the city council as of Oct. 1. She has been on the council since December, 2021 when she was appointed to finish the term of Councilmember Vicki Wolfe, who had passed away. In the succeeding years, she had sought and was successfully elected to the council position.
- Corinth Baptist Church is hosting a Community Gospel Sing at the Corinth

Firehouse on Saturday, Oct. 17, from 1–4 p.m.

- A group called the “Men’s Alliance” has been meeting at the Corinth City Park for workouts. According to City Clerk Tara Wright, the group is requesting to leave a “tote with information” and some equipment at the park. Council agreed as long as the tote isn’t in the way.
- Wright said City Attorney Pete Whaley is still working on the short term rental ordinance.
- Wright said requests for quotes will be in the Grant County News next week for the black topping of city roads.

GCHS Class of 1976 plans reunion

The Grant County High School Class of 1976 will be holding its 50th class reunion Saturday, Nov. 7, at the Meadowood Golf Course Clubhouse from 6–10 p.m.

Please bring an appe-

tizer, snack or dessert to share. Drinks can be purchased at the clubhouse bar.

There is no cost to attend the reunion.

Mark your calendars and help spread the word

to classmates and teachers! No RSVP is needed; just come!!!!

Meadowood Golf Course Clubhouse is located at 1911 Golf Club Drive, Burlington KY 41005

See how Kentucky colleges, universities rank nationally

BY JESSE FRAGA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Several colleges and universities in Kentucky were recognized by the U.S. News & World Report’s 2027 Best Colleges rankings.

The University of Kentucky, University of Louisville and Northern Kentucky University received the highest overall national rankings among universities in the state.

Ten regional universities and five regional colleges in Kentucky ranked among the top 100 overall in the South. While 16 regional universities in Kentucky were recognized among the top 127 overall in the South, none of their ranks improved from last year. Some were unchanged and others dropped in ranks.

After scoring high last year, two public universities in the state — Eastern Kentucky University and Western Kentucky University — were no longer among the top 200 national public universities.

Keeping its top spot from last year, Murray State is ranked as the top regional university in Kentucky.

UK scored among the best in the country for a particular program: The university’s bachelor of science in nursing program ranked 36th out of more than 600 similar programs recognized nationwide.

The report did not rate Kentucky highly for its universities’ social mobility and innovation, as no schools in the state were recognized in that category. Florida International University took home first place for social mobility, and Arizona State University was the top most innovative.

This year’s data includes a record number of schools due to new metrics and expanded

eligibility, which partly impacted changes in rankings, according to the report.

Around 1,700 colleges and universities were ranked by U.S. News & World Report this year using 17 performance metrics of academic quality and graduate success.

“The rankings are starting points, not the final word,” said LaMont Jones Jr., managing editor for education at U.S. News. “We encourage families to look beyond the main list and dive into specific factor performance, whether that’s financial aid strength, social mobility, or career outcomes in a prospective major.”

Affordability, student aid

Considering schools with the most affordability plus most student aid offered, Louisville was ranked the 84th-best value in the country among national universities, while UK dropped to 208th – the lowest on the list.

Asbury University and Alice Lloyd College were among the top 10 most affordable regional colleges and universities in the South.

Here’s how Kentucky schools stacked up in several categories compared to rankings from last year:

NATIONAL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES

148. University of Kentucky (down from 143 last year)

179. University of Louisville (down from 158 last year)

365. Northern Kentucky University (up from 384 last year)

NATIONAL PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

74. University of Kentucky (unchanged)

91. University of Louisville (down from 84)

200. Northern Kentucky University (up from 209)

REGIONAL UNIVERSITIES IN THE SOUTH

22. Murray State University (down from 14)

26. Bellarmine University (unranked last year)

30. Western Kentucky University (unranked last year)

32. Asbury University (tied; declined from 23)

32. Eastern Kentucky University (tied; unranked last year)

41. Morehead State University (down from 27)

54. Spalding University (unchanged)

79. Georgetown College (unranked last year)

85. Brescia University (tied; unranked last year)

85. University of Pikeville (tied; unranked last year)

HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES NATIONWIDE

45. Kentucky State University (down from 32)

NATIONAL LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGES

54. Centre College (up from 55 last year)

62. Berea College (down from 45)

106. Transylvania University (up from 109)

REGIONAL COLLEGES IN THE SOUTH

24. Kentucky Wesleyan College (down from 21 last year)

28. Alice Lloyd College (up from 33)

48. Kentucky State University (down from 36)

61. Galen College of Nursing (tied; unranked last year)

61. Kentucky Christian University (tied; up from 63 last year)

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