

NEWS IN BRIEF

Tri-County Choir in concert

**WURLTAND**  
The Tri-County Choir will be in concert on Saturday, May 10, at Wurtland Freewill Baptist Church. The concert will be from 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
The director is Bryan Wheeler. The concert is free of charge.  
Wurtland Freewill Baptist is at 1000 Wurtland Ave. in Wurtland.  
“Come join together in an evening of worship, fellowship and singing of gospel hymns and music,” the church wrote.

Church rummage sale set for Saturday

**ASHLAND**  
A rummage sale will be from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Meade Station Church of God.  
The event will include hot dog sales.  
The church is at 10255 Cedar Hill Drive.

Guilty verdict in Rowan narcotics case

**MOREHEAD**  
Attorney General Russell Coleman announced Thursday the AG’s special prosecutions unit’s actions resulted in a guilty verdict for Moses Wright, a 55-year-old, for trafficking cocaine.  
A Rowan County jury found Wright guilty of one count of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (4 grams or more of cocaine). The jury recommended at least seven years.  
According to investigators, state police discovered a locked suitcase in a van Wright had been driving. After finding the key hidden in Wright’s shoe, investigators discovered a kilo of cocaine in the suitcase, according to a news release. The drugs had an estimated value of \$160,000.

Staff reports

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that James Elswick, 805 Main Street, Greenup, KY 41144, has filed an application with the Energy and Environment Cabinet to build a fence. The property is located 1.4 miles from downtown Greenup, KY and located behind the Ohio River back waters.  
Any comments or objections can be submitted via email to: **DOWfloodplain@ky.gov** or Kentucky Division of Water, Floodplain Management Section, 300 Sower Blvd 3rd Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.  
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

**MECHANIC’S LIEN ENFORCEMENT** In accordance with KRS 376.270, KY Auto will sell the following vehicles at public auction to recover charges for repairs and/or storage: 2007 Harley-Davidson VIN: 1HD1CT3197K431662 Owed By: David Witten – \$4,985.00 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air VIN: B57J290924 Owed By: David Witten – \$8,020.00 Sale Date: April 20th, 2025 Time: 10:00 AM Location: KY Auto, 7839 Cannonsburg Road, Catlettsburg, KY Term: Cash only unless prior arrangements are made. Contact KY Auto at (606) 393-9129 for more information.  
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PUBLIC NOTICE  
INSPECTION PERIOD  
FOR THE PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT ROLL

The Boyd County real property tax roll will be open 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 based upon.

The tax roll is in the office of the Property Valuation Administrator in the Boyd County Courthouse and may be inspected between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

ANY TAXPAYER DESIRING TO APPEAL AN ASSESSMENT ON REAL PROPERTY MADE BY THE PVA MUST HAVE A CONFERENCE WITH THE PVA OR A DESIGNATED DEPUTY. AN APPOINTMENT IS NOT REQUIRED.

Any taxpayer still aggrieved by an assessment on real property after the conference with the PVA or designated deputy may appeal to the County Board of Assessment Appeals.

The taxpayer can appeal their assessment by filing in person or sending a letter or other written petition stating the reasons for appeal, identifying the property, and stating the taxpayer’s opinion of the fair cash value of the property. This must be accompanied by your conference paper from the PVA office.

All appeals must be filed with the County Clerk’s Office no later than one workday following the conclusion of the inspection period on May 20th, 2025, by 4:00 PM.

ANY TAXPAYER FAILING TO APPEAL THE COUNTY BOARD OF THE ASSESSMENT APPEALS OR BY 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 assessment 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 office of Property Valuation Administrator.

- (1) He/she must list under protest (for certification) what he/she believes to be the fair cash value of the property.
  - (2) He/she must file a written protest directly with the Department of Property Taxation within 30 days from the date of the notice of assessment.
  - (3) This protest must be in accordance with KRS 131.110.
  - (4) The final decision of the Revenue Department may be appealed to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.
- Homer I “Jay” Woods Jr.  
Property Valuation Administrator  
Boyd County  
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Name released in fatal shooting

STAFF REPORT

**ASHLAND** The Boyd County Coroner’s Office released the identity of the man who died in an officer-involved shooting Tuesday.  
William Mohler, 29, of Charleston, West Virginia, has died.  
The coroner’s office was dispatched to the 5200 block of Blackburn Avenue in Ashland in response to the shooting involving Ashland Police.

APD responded to a report of trespassing and burglary complaint at a residence, according to a news release. The suspect, who had a firearm on his person, fled before officers arrived. Police located him near a church along Blackburn Avenue, where he was armed with a shotgun, according to authorities.  
APD engaged the suspect in a standoff and activated the departments’ Special Response

Team, according to the coroner’s release.  
Despite APD’s attempts to negotiate a peaceful surrender, the situation escalated, forcing officers to fire their weapons, killing Mohler.  
No officers were injured during the incident.  
The Kentucky State Police Critical Incident Response Team is leading the ongoing investigation.

Pearl’s is new place for pups to preen

**BY LEE WARD**  
THE DAILY INDEPENDENT

**RUSSELL** A gem of a pet has inspired her owner to open a dog grooming business.  
Grayson resident Aaron Caudill, owner of Pearl’s Puppy Parlor, said his white Pekingese named Pearl was his inspiration.  
The store, at 1413 Diederich Blvd. in Russell, opened on Thursday with appointments already made, keeping Caudill and his brother,

Brandon, busy grooming dogs.  
Caudill began learning to groom dogs when he was 13 and had a Schnauzer.  
“Then, I was taught to groom in 2004 and 2005 and have been grooming off and on since then,” he said.  
Pearl’s is Caudill’s first brick-and-mortar business, and he said he plans to make it as easy as he can for pet owners to uses his services by keeping long hours.

“(Opening at 7:30 a.m.) will give people the chance to drop off their dog on the way to work and pick it up on their lunch break or after work,” he said.  
The full treatment includes bath, haircut, ear cleaning and nail trimming and filing.  
Price depends on the size of the dog, the condition of the coat and how well-behaved the dog is, Caudill, who also breeds Pekingese and miniature Schnauzers, said.

“Most of them are pretty good, but every now and then you get one that’s a problem,” he said, noting his favorites are senior dogs, which he said are “special,” he owns a 16-year-old Chihuahua.  
Pearl’s Puppy Parlor’s hours are 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. For an appointment, call or text (606) 471-8969.

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Medicare changes its telehealth rules

**Toni:**  
I have been researching the changes to Medicare’s telehealth services over a computer video service that I saw on the news recently. I am concerned because my mother lives in an assisted living facility and her primary care doctor uses the telehealth computer service, so I do not have to take my mother, who uses a wheelchair, to the doctor by a health care taxi service or ambulance. Since the pandemic, this type of care has been approved by her Medicare Advantage HMO.  
The social worker at mother’s living facility

suggested that I contact her Advantage plan to discuss whether it has any house-call physicians who can accept her as a patient. Is this something that Medicare or her Medicare Advantage plan will pay for?  
Should I consider changing my mother from her Medicare Advantage HMO to “Original Medicare with a Medicare Supplement” due to her health issues? Thanks for your help.



TONI KING

— Sheila from Little Rock, Ark.  
**Hi Sheila:**  
Last week Medicare changed the date when “telehealth services” will ONLY be made available locally and in a rural area. From today through Sept. 30, 2025, you can get telehealth services at any location in the U.S., including your home. The Medicare.gov website states, “starting Oct. 1, 2025, you must be in an office or medical facility located in a rural area (in the U.S.) for most telehealth services.”  
The Medicare.gov website also states that if you aren’t in a rural health care setting, you can still get certain Medicare telehealth services on or after Oct. 1, including:  
• Monthly end-stage renal disease (ESRD) visits for home dialysis  
• Services for diagnosis, evaluation, or treatment of symptoms of an acute stroke wherever you are, including in a mobile stroke unit  
• Services for the diagnosis, evaluation, or treatment of a mental and/or behavioral health disorder (including a substance use disorder) in your house  
My advice to you, Sheila, is to ask your mother’s primary care physician or specific

Medicare Advantage plan’s health care provider which house call or Accountable Care Organization (ACO) they are contracted with.  
Not only are doctors making house call visits, but dentists, eye doctors and even mobile x-ray/ultrasound machines with technicians are visiting nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and personal care homes, just like these providers were doing before COVID-19.  
A house call physician visit can keep those who are having a minor ailment from turning into a major health care issue keeping a frail senior healthy and out of the hospital.  
Doctor or medical provider visits by house-call services — whether at home or at a long-term care facility such as a nursing home or assisted living facility — are being accepted and paid for by Original Medicare, Original Medicare with a Medicare supplement and Medicare Advantage plans (if the house call provider is in the Advantage plan’s network).  
Sheila, you are wise to look at all your mother’s options regarding disenrolling from her Medicare Advantage plan with her serious health situations. Many do not realize that they must qualify medically to be approved for a Medicare Supplement, which helps pay the portions that Medicare does not pay. If one is not approved, then they will pay out of their pocket.  
Readers, it is important to explore your Medicare plan options, because you never know when your health will deteriorate, becoming too late to change your Medicare plan. (Chapter 2 of Toni’s Medicare Survival Guide Advanced

Survival edition explains Medicare Parts A and B, which can help avoid problems.)

**TONI KING** is an author and columnist on Medicare and health insurance issues. She has spent nearly 30 years as a top sales leader in the field. If you have a Medicare question, email info@tonisays.com or call 832-519-8664. The “Medicare Survival Guide Advanced” edition and her new “Confused about Medicare” video series are available at www.tonisays.com.s

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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COOPERATIVE ONLINE REVERSE SALT AUCTION  
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The City of Ashland, in conjunction with the City of Berea, KY and the Kentucky League of Cities (KLC) will be accepting un-priced technical proposals until 2:00PM ET on May 9, 2025 for a road salt reverse auction hosted by eBridge and scheduled for 11:00AM ET on May 20, 2025. Bidders may access the bid package by contacting eBridge at (502) 491-1980 and electronically downloading it through the following link:  
https://applications.ebridgeprocurement.com/BidPackage/?ev=Berea-KLC\Salt\_Auction  
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