



SIX WCHS SENIORS have completed the two-year Early College Program. These students attended Madisonville Community College and graduated with their Associate's Degree and high school diploma as seniors. The 2025 Early College Cohort consisted of: Front Row, left to right: Brooke Burton: Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, Honor Student (white stole) for 4.0, Phi Theta Kappa member; Kennedy Warren: Associate in Arts, High Distinction cord (3.6-3.99), Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society member, Finalist for MCC Outstanding Student of the Year and Paige Rakestraw: Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, Distinction cord (3.4-3.59). Second Row, left to right: Keats Pruden: Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, Honor Student (white stole) for 4.0; Chase Kuykendall: Associate in Science, High Distinction cord (3.6-3.99), Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society member; and Aiden Morris: Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, Honor Student (white stole) for 4.0. For more information about the early college program or dual credit courses, please get in touch with Heather Austin at heather.austin@

Tornado Preparedness: What You Need To Know To Stay Safe

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In the wake of increasing severe weather events across the country, I encourage all residents to be prepared for tornadoes, which can strike with little warning and devastating force. Tornadoes are violently rotating columns of air that extend from thunderstorms to the ground, capable of producing winds exceeding 200 miles per hour. These powerful storms can destroy buildings, flip vehicles, and turn debris into deadly projectiles. Tornadoes can occur at any time and in any place, though the Midwest and Southeast regions of the U.S. are particularly vulnerable. Recognizing the signs of a tornado—such as a funnel-shaped cloud, a cloud of debris, or a loud roar similar to a freight train—can be critical to survival. If a tornado warning is issued, officials recommend taking immediate shelter in a safe room, basement, or a small, windowless interior

room on the lowest level of a sturdy building. Avoid windows, doors, and overpasses, and use your arms to protect your head and neck from flying debris.

Before the Storm
Preparation is key. Residents are encouraged to:

- * Understand their area's tornado risk.
- * Sign up for local alert systems and monitor NOAA Weather Radio and the Emergency Alert System (EAS).
- * Practice sheltering procedures with family members, including pets.
- * Stock up on emergency supplies, including food, water, medications, and cleaning materials.

What to do if caught on the road

Being in a vehicle during a tornado is extremely dangerous. If escape is not possible, drivers should park safely, keep seat belts fastened, and cover their heads. If a low-lying area is nearby, exiting the vehicle and lying flat while covering the head may offer bet-

ter protection. Once the storm has passed, safety remains a priority. Residents should:

- * Use text messages or social media to communicate, preserving phone lines for emergencies.
- * Stay informed through official channels.
- * Avoid downed power lines and wear protective gear during cleanup efforts.

For more information, visit the National Weather Service or the American Red Cross websites, which offer detailed guides and resources on tornado safety and preparedness. Educational programs of the Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of economic or social status and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, creed, religion, political belief, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expressions, pregnancy, marital status, genetic information, age, veteran status, or physical or mental disability.

WCHS Scholarship Winners

Many 2025 Webster County High School graduates received local scholarships during the school's annual Senior Awards Night last week. Scholarships are made possible through donations from businesses, families and memorial contributions. Following is a list of scholarship sponsors and the names of the student(s) who received the scholarship:

- Five Star Electric-Brennan Ferrel, Josiah Mills, Caleb Green, and Canaan Taylor
- Americorps-Trigo Torres and Madison Ramage
- Bailey Onton Lodge-Anthony Taylor
- Beta Pakendall Scholarship-Kaydence Cullen and Adleigh Ray
- Bill Hatley Memorial-Madison Ramage
- Brian Casey Jones Memorial-Malorie Austin
- Craig Shoulders Memorial Scholarship-Courtney Leath
- Fat Boy App-Malloy Burton
- FFA Alumni-Abigail Laughary
- FFA Land Lab/Aubrey Mooney Memorial-Paige Rakestraw
- Frank Carden Memorial-Derek Adams
- Fraternal Order of Eagles-Keaton Garrett
- Frontier Kemper-Anna Dunn and Cade McCully
- Gary Cole Memorial Baseball Scholarship-Rhett Hearnin
- Grayson Wilson Memorial Lineman Scholarship-Derek Adams
- Angel Juan, Calleb Green, Josiah Mills
- Heather Danyelle Scholarship-Aiden Morris, Sara Welshans, Jaycie Wright, Kennedy Warren, Paige Rakestraw, Lilly Whitsell, Malorie Austin, Brooke Burton, Cade McCully, Davi Outlaw, Alex Whitehead, Ainsley Bayola, Ramzee Foster, Derek Adams, Anna Dunn, Kaydence Cullen, Lauren Throgmorton, and Mallory Burton
- Highland Dairy-Ad-dyn Heady
- Independence Bank-Kennedy Warren and Sara Welshans
- Jarred Ashmore Memorial-Hannah Yates, Micah Austin, and Alex Whitehead
- Jason Lee Ware Memorial-Jaycie Wright
- Jeremy Elder Memorial-Reis Spencer and Lilly Whitsell
- Ken and Pat Hammack Memorial-Eulalia Francisco
- Kyle Overby Memorial-Cade McCully
- Lista McCully Memorial-Bailey Allen

- Lofton Hazelwood Memorial-Paige Rakestraw
- MCA Diversity Scholarship-Malorie Austin
- Melton Foundation Scholarship-Malorie Austin, Micah Austin, Alaina Barron, Ansley Bayola, Brooke Burton, Elizabeth Campbell, Rylen Cardwell, Karsyn Cates, Evan Davis, Preston Doepel, Anna Dunn, Ramzee Foster, Eulalia Francisco, Samuel Fryer, Madison Gragg, Rhett Hearnin, Spencer Hill, Hyatt Kelley, Nicholas Kennett, Chase Kuykendall, Courtney Leath, Cooper Logan, Aiden Morris, Davi Outlaw, Chloe Papineau, Priyanshi Patel, Keats Purden, Paige Rakestraw, Maria Ramon Lorenzo, Rebecca Reynolds, Seith Schneider, Reis Spencer, Kennedy Warren, Alex Whitehead, Jaycie Wright and Hannah Yates
- Mrs. FW Nichols-Aiden Morris and Nicholas Kennett
- Providence/Webster County Chamber of Commerce-Kennedy Warren and Seth Schnider
- Scott's Auto Body-Derek Adams
- Austin Collins American Legion Post 243 Auxiliary-Audrey Kromer and Spencer Hill

- Sebree Christian Outreach Mission-Tea Hardin
- Terry Rakestraw Memorial-WC Conservation-Hyatt Kelley
- Virgil and Dorothy Waggener-Seth Schneider
- WC Bar Association-Tea Hardin and Aiden Morris
- WC Education Association-Hannah Yates
- WC Farm Bureau-Malorie Austin and Brooke Burton
- Outstanding Student-Alex Whitehead
- Webster County Cattlemen-Hyatt Kelley
- Webster County Retired Teachers/United Community Bank-Kennedy Warren and Eulalia Francisco
- WVAA-Seth Schneider

Sebree GB To Host VBS

Sebree General Baptist Church will host its annual vacation bible school May 28 through May 31 from 5:30 through 8:00 p.m. each night and on Saturday from 9:30 to noon. Themed "What a Mess VBS" will be for children in grades K through six. Sebree General Baptist Church is located on Kentucky 56 in Sebree.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant To Application Number 917-5013, Renewal #8

- (1) In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Webster County Coal, LLC, 1146 Monarch Street Suite 350 Lexington, KY 40513 has applied for renewal of permit 917-5013 for an underground coal mining operation, slurry injection and a coal processing facility located 2.3 miles southwest of Lisman in Webster County. The proposed operation will disturb 192.81 surface acres and will underlie 20,083.15 acres and the total area within the permit boundary will be 20,116.26 acres.
- (2) The proposed operation is approximately 2.9 miles southeast from KY Route 270's junction with KY Route 132 and located 0.6 miles north of Slover Creek.
- (3) The proposed operation is located on the Providence, Nebo, Slaughters, Bordley, Dixon, and Sebree U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Webster County Coal, LLC and Arthur Miller Jr. All underground areas have been mined.
- (4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's, Madisonville Regional Office, 625 Hospital Drive, Madisonville, KY 42431. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, 300 Sower Blvd, 2nd floor, Frankfort, KY 40601.
- This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant To Application Number 917-5023, Renewal #3

- (1) In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Webster County Coal, LLC, 1146 Monarch Street Suite 350 Lexington, KY 40513 has applied for renewal of permit 917-5023 for an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 1.6 miles from Lisman in Webster County. The proposed operation will disturb 16.75 surface acres.
- (2) The proposed major revision area is approximately 0.0 miles from intersection of KY-270 and KY-874 and located 0.0 miles from Fredericks Ditch.
- (3) The proposed operation is located on the Providence, Nebo, Bordley and Dixon U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Webster County Fiscal Court.
- (4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's, Madisonville Regional Office, 625 Hospital Drive, Madisonville, KY 42431. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, 300 Sower Blvd, 2nd floor, Frankfort, KY 40601.
- This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 917-5016, Renewal 5

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Webster County Coal, LLC: 1146 1146 Monarch Street Suite 350 Lexington, KY 40513 has applied for renewal of an existing underground coal mining operation located 1.8 miles north of Manitou in Hopkins County. The renewed permit will disturb 41.2 acres of surface disturbance making a total area of 41.2 acres within the surface permit boundary.

The proposed renewal area is approximately 0.6 miles east from KY 630's junction with Wolf Hollow Road and located 0.2 miles east of an unnamed tributary of Pond Creek.

The proposed operation is located on the Slaughters U.S.G.S. 7.5-minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Webster County Coal Corp. There is no coal extraction associated with the renewal area, which is a mine management area intended to support an underlying underground mining operation.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's, Madisonville Regional Office, 625 Hospital Drive, Madisonville, KY 42431. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, 300 Sower Boulevard, 2nd Floor, Frankfort, KY 40601.

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YOU ARE
INVITED
TO



FFA ALUMNI COOKOUT

Tuesday, June 2
6:00 P.M.

Canaan Ridge Park - Dixon, Kentucky
RSVP by May 30
To RSVP Call or Text (270) 635-2627



Scan to RSVP