

# Stay Safe When Around Fireworks

Fireworks have been integral components of celebrations for centuries. These pyrotechnics originated in ancient China, with their earliest forms thought to be made from bamboo stalks thrown into a fire. Fireworks ultimately evolved into gunpowder-filled paper tubes. Modern fireworks still largely use traditional gunpowder as well as additional ingredients like aluminum and iron to create flashes, bangs and sparks. Additional el-

ements are blended to create the colors that make for vivid fireworks displays. Fireworks can be a wonder to behold, but there is no denying that shooting them off can be dangerous business. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission reports that eight deaths and an estimated 9,700 injuries involving fireworks occurred in 2023. Of the eight deaths, five were associated with misuse of fireworks and two with a device malfunction.

Fireworks injuries increased between 2008 and 2023, which underscores the importance of fireworks safety.

To celebrate safely, the CPSC urges consumers to follow these tips:

- Make sure fireworks are legal where you live and only purchase and set off those that are labeled for consumer use. Never purchase fireworks that are designed for professionals.
- Children should not be allowed to play

with or ignite fireworks. This includes sparklers. Sparklers burn at temperatures that can reach or exceed 2,000 F, which is hot enough to melt some metals.

- Stay sober when using fireworks. Alcohol or drug impairment can cause people to act recklessly and make mistakes when handling fireworks.
- Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose nearby in case of fire or another mishap.
- Only light one firework at a time, then move away from it quickly.
- Soak malfunctioning fireworks in water. Do not try to relight them.
- Never place any part of your body directly over a firework when lighting the fuse.
- Never point or throw fireworks at anyone.
- Douse spent fireworks with water before tossing them in the trash.

Spectators should

remain at a distance from any fireworks being ignited. Fireworks should be lit away from buildings or trees.

Many times it is safe

to let professionals handle the fireworks since they are trained in the proper safety precautions.



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changes to the contract to clarify that as attorney he represents the board as a whole and not individual board members.

In the staffing update, Harrell reported that the district will be fully staffed by the start of school. Dixon, Clay and Webster County Middle School are already fully staffed and the high school has only one instructional assistant position to fill. Providence Elementary needs to fill a LBD position and a custodial position while Sebree Elementary has an opening for an instructional assistant and two cook bakers. The superintendent credited the board's willingness to increase salaries for all employees for making staffing easier this year.

The superintendent also presented a quote for a paint robot. The machine which can be used to stripe athletic fields, parking lots, etc. would be part of the district's resource efficiency plan—and according to Harrell would allow maintenance employees to use the hours they spend prepping fields for play to work on other maintenance projects in the district. The robot would be GPSed and set up to work alone on a field while human personnel work on repairs and other maintenance projects. The six-year lease program would cost approximately \$55,090, a price tag that includes a "bumper to bumper" warranty and the paint as well as maintenance for the robot. Harrell

predicts the purchase would allow the district to recoup man hours typically spent on the athletic fields and make doing the work more economical. The board will make a decision on the purchase at their next board meeting.

In preparation for his annual evaluation, the superintendent also provided the board with a "Year in Review" presentation that reflects how he implemented and worked toward building on the seven standards superintendents are evaluated on. Harrell's power point provided "proof" of the district's and his work to improve student success through instructional leadership, human resource leadership, cultural leadership, collaboration and influential leadership, managerial leadership and strategic leadership. The presentation highlighted many initiatives the district has worked on to enhance learning.

Following Harrell's presentation, the board went into closed session per KRS 61.810 (1)(c) and KRS 156.557(6)(c) for a preliminary discussion to prepare for the evaluation of the superintendent. At their June 23, meeting, the board will hold another closed session to complete that evaluation before returning to open session and sharing their findings with Harrell and the public.

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

## Simple Gardening Tips For A Healthier Harvest

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More people are growing their own vegetables. To get the best results, gardeners are turning to simple, smart methods. These tips help plants grow strong and reduce harm to the environment.

Feed Your Plants Right

Vegetables need steady food to grow well. Many fertilizers work fast but don't last the entire season. It is important to add more fertilizer during the season. General rate for sidedressing is 10 Tbs of nitrogen fertilizer such as 15-0-0/10 ft row for all vegetables except asparagus and onions, which require 20 Tbs/10 ft row, and potatoes, which require 14 Tbs/10 ft row. Mulch helps keep the soil moist and nutrients in place.

Stop Disease Before It Spreads

Plants can get sick from fungi, bacteria, and viruses. The best way to fight disease is to stop it early. Check your plants often. Pull out and destroy any that look sick. Don't compost them. Keep weeds out, they can carry insects and dis-

ease. Water early in the day so leaves dry before night. Wet leaves can spread disease. Give plants space so the air can move around them.

Watch For Insects

Insects can ruin a garden fast. Look at your plants every week. Check under the leaves—many bugs hide there. If you see a few pests, pick them off by hand. Drop them in soapy water. Don't use bug spray unless you must. If you do, read and follow the label. Wear gloves and other recommended personal protective equipment. Don't spray blooming plants, this can hurt bees.

Grow Smart

Use row covers to protect young plants. Don't use too much fertilizer—it can attract pests like aphids. After harvest, clean up old plants. Turn them into the soil or compost them.

By following these simple steps, gardeners can grow more produce for you and your family to enjoy.

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## GRADD Seeking Nominations For Women 50 Over 50 Awards

The Green River Area Development District (GRADD) is proud to announce the call for nominations for its Women's 50 Over 50 awards — an initiative dedicated to honoring women over the age of 50 who have demonstrated notable public service across the region.

GRADD is seeking to spotlight individuals from the seven counties we serve: Daviess, Han-

cock, Henderson, McLean, Ohio, Union, and Webster. We're looking for women whose dedication and leadership have made a lasting impact on their communities. This award celebrates the spirit, contributions, and commitment of women who continue to shape and strengthen the Green River area.

"In 2022, I was at a public airport when I saw the Forbes '50 Over 50' list celebrating high-achieving women in our nation," says GRADD Executive Director Joanna Shake. "I wanted to replicate that regionally to honor civically engaged women in public service and non-profit work within our communities."

These women are often pillars of their com-

munities, known for their tireless work and passion to serve others. They inspire those around them by demonstrating the power of continued leadership at every stage of life.

Honorees will be featured in GRADD's official "50 Over 50" publication and recognized during a special celebratory luncheon in March 2026.

Nominations are now open and will be accepted through July 11, 2025. Community members are encouraged to submit nominations for women who exemplify the qualities outlined above.

For more information and to submit a nomination, please visit the link 50 over 50 Nomination Form

WCIC Will Meet June 18

The Webster County Interagency Council meets on the third Wednesday of each month from 12-1pm at the UK Extension Office at 1118 HWY 41A in Dixon.

At the June meeting on June 18, Kentucky Adult Education will be the presenter and United Community Bank will be the meal sponsor.

You are encouraged to attend.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Sebree Board of Adjustments will hold a public hearing for a **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT** for Mr. Juan Apolinar. Mr. Apolinar is requesting permission to build a duplex on his property located on Roger Powell Road. (Listed with the PVA as lot only at this time). The property is zoned R1-Town Residential. In compliance with the City of Sebree zoning ordinance, a conditional use permit is required for duplexes in the R1 classification. The hearing is scheduled for **Monday, June 23, 2025, 5:00 P.M.** at the Sebree Municipal Building. 6/11c

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that **Doug McClure at 168 Charles Buchanan Ln. has filed an application with the Energy and Environment Cabinet to raise ground level and place home. The property is located 168 Charles Buchanan Ln. Sebree Ky. 42455, approximately 1 mile from Hwy 370, and 2 miles from the city of ONTON.**

Any comments or objections can be submitted via email to: [DOWFloodplain@ky.gov](mailto:DOWFloodplain@ky.gov) Kentucky Division of Water, Floodplain Management Section, 300 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, KY 40601. Call 502-564-3410 with questions.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Darrion Terrell, 2030 Shoshoni Lane, Evansville, IN, was appointed Executor of the Estate of Carmen R. Periard, who died testate, a resident of 3815 U.S. 41-South, Sebree, KY on April 18, 2025. Darryl Periard, 3815 U.S. 41-South, Sebree, KY appointed agent for service of process. Date of qualification May 6, 2025. Inventory due July 8 2025. Settlement due May 11, 2027. All claims must be filed within six months of appointment.

Jennifer Darlene Lussier, 122 North College Avenue, Dixon, KY, was appointed Executrix of the Estate of Juanita Elizabeth Langston, who died testate, a resident of 169 U.S. Highway 41-A, North, Dixon, KY on March 1, 2025. Date of qualification May 14, 2025. Attorney William Clint Prow, 122 North Broadway Street, Providence, KY 42450. Inventory due July 15, 2025. Settlement due May 18, 2027. All claims must be filed within six months of appointment.

Kathi Pride, 412 Country Meadows Drive, Providence, KY was appointed Executrix of the Estate of Ioma June Perry Newcomb, who died testate, a resident of 412 Country Meadows Drive, Providence, KY on March 23, 2025. Date of qualification May 20, 2025. Attorney William Clint Prow, 122 North Broadway Street, Providence, KY 42450. Inventory due July 22, 2025. Settlement due May 25, 2027. All claims must be filed within six months of appointment.

David Fruit of 6343 U.S. Highway 41-A, North, Dixon, KY, was appointed Executor of the Estate of Richard Fruit, who died testate, a resident of 6343 U.S. 41-A, North, Dixon, KY on January 15, 2024. Date of qualification May 20, 2025. Inventory due July 22, 2025. Settlement due May 25, 2025. All claims must be filed within six months of appointment.

Michael Alan Stevens of 75 Riverview Drive, Tell City, IN, was appointed Administrator of the Estate of Sara Beth Stevens, who died intestate, a resident of Providence, Webster County, KY on April 7, 2025. Dane Shields named Agent for Service of Process. Date of qualification May 20, 2025. Attorney Dane Shields, Deitz, Shields, Freeburger & Durbin, LLP, P.O. BOX 476, 101 First Street, Henderson, KY 42420. Inventory due July 22, 2025. Settlement due May 25, 2027. All claimst must be filed within six months of appointment.

Scott R. Brown of 4222 Ashbury Parke Drive, Newburg, IN, was appointed Executor of the Estate of Joan Frances Bernardin, who died testate, a resident of 2016 Marks-Poole Road, Slaughters, KY on February 22, 2025. Abigail D. Zaman will be Agent for Service of Process. Date of qualification May 13, 2025. Attorney Abigail D. Zaman, 3560 PNC Tower, 101 South Fifth Street, Louisville, KY 40202. Inventory due July 15, 2025. Settlement due May 18, 2025. All claims must be filed within six months of appointment.

Valerie Wells, 3719 U.S. 41-A, South, Sebree, KY, was appointed Executrix of the Estate of Larry Michael Wells, who died testate, a resident of 3719 U.S. Highway 41, South, Sebree, KY 42455 on April 16, 2025. Date of qualification April 29, 2025. Attorney Lindsay Durbin, P.O. Box 21, Henderson, KY 42420. Inventory due June 6, 2025. Settlement due May 4, 2027. All claims must be filed within six months of appointment.