BCB BULLETIN

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In addition to email, the BCB Bulletin is recorded and available for listening after the first of the month by calling (859)259-1834 and choosing extension 8; the abbreviated and updated BCB Calendar of Events is available at extension 9 after the 15th of the month. Recordings of other special notices are available by calling (859)259-1834 and choosing extension 7. Each monthly newsletter is posted on our website www.bcbky.org/newsletter in both audio and PDF formats. The BCB newsletter is also shared on NFB-NEWSLINE on the 1st and 15th of each month. You can access it by telephone, computer, smartphone, tablet, or the NFB-NEWSLINE app.

NOTE: Registration is required for all events. Email info@bcbky.org or call (859)259-1834. Wheels passes are available for Wheels riders. Registration deadline is at least two business days prior to the event or activity.

REMINDERS:

- October is Blindness/Vision Awareness Month in Kentucky
- October 8: World Sight Day, focusing worldwide attention on eye health, vision impairment and access to eye care.
- October 15: White Cane Safety Day, also called White Cane Day and Blind Americans Equality Day. This is the major U.S. observance celebrating the independence and achievements of people who are blind and the white cane as a symbol and mobility tool.
- October 20 is the last day to request a mail-in absentee ballot at http://www.govote.ky.org or by calling (859) 253-3344
- October 29 to 31 In person early voting at all local libraries.
- November 3 is Election Day! Make your plans now to get to the polls. Options include early voting dates at local libraries. Visit this link for information regarding voters with disabilities Voters with Disabilities - State Board of Elections, and this link if you need to schedule a ride to the polls www.KFTC.org/rides
- There are no Lunch & Learn meetings in November or December due to the holidays.

BCB 2027 Membership Drive Begins in October 2026
Ready to sign up for your 2027 BCB Membership? Consider our LIFETIME membership option for $100, which includes annual dues for both BCB and the American Council of the Blind (ACB) each year. Annual memberships are still available for $10 as well!

SAVE THE DATE – BCB HOLIDAY LUNCHEON
BCB's Annual Membership Holiday Luncheon will be December 9 from noon to 2PM in Rm B at the UK Fayette County Extension Office

Sharing from our friends at Hadley:
Hadley just launched an updated website, www.hadleyhelps.org organized by challenges members might be experiencing such as: Feeling overwhelmed, having trouble reading, giving up the car keys. New members to Hadley do not have to create a username and password to access the content anymore.

Lexington Philharmonic Discounted Tickets:
Bluegrass Council of the Blind is pleased to share a special ticket offer from the Lexington Philharmonic for the 2026 through 2027 season. BCB clients who are blind or have low vision and need to attend with a sighted guide may receive 50% off two tickets, effectively providing the sighted guide's ticket at no cost. To obtain the discount code, please call the BCB office at (859)259-1834. A Lexington Philharmonic concert offers the experience of hearing a live, full orchestra perform music ranging from familiar classics to newer works. Before the performance, patrons using this offer may also request a digital concert reading guide to access on their own device. The guide provides helpful information about the music, composers, and concert experience in advance. To avoid distracting performers and fellow audience members, screens should not be used during the concert. Once you have the discount code, use it when purchasing tickets online at lexphil.org. For questions about performances, seating assistance, the digital reading guide, or other accommodation requests, contact the Lexington Philharmonic at (859)233-4226.

Survey Opportunity:
BCB is sharing the following opportunity on behalf of our partner, Accessible Pharmacy Services. Researchers are seeking adults who are blind and use assistive technology to participate in two brief, anonymous surveys focused on accessible employment searches and

sports team websites. Each survey takes about five minutes, and participants may enter for a chance to win a gift card. For more information or questions about the surveys, please contact Accessible Pharmacy Services at (888)633-7007.
Click Here for Accessible Employment Search Survey

Click Here for Accessible Sports Team Websites Survey

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Community Outing: BCB Presentation at the Beaumont Library by Sam Seavey
Date: Monday, October 5, from 2 to 4 PM
Location: Beaumont Library
3080 Fieldstone Way, Lexington
Topic: Reading Without Limits: Accessible reading for every level of vision.
Don’t let your vision hold you back from enjoying books. Discover new ways to enjoy reading, no matter your level of vision. In this presentation Sam will explore accessible reading options for people who are blind or have low vision, including large print, magnification, audiobooks, accessible apps, and smart glasses that can read printed text aloud. Sam will also share helpful resources from the Bluegrass Council of the Blind and from his YouTube channel, the Blind Life. The Kentucky Talking Book Library staff will be on hand to share information about their services. *Registration Required*

BCB October Food Distribution Dates:
BCB “Drop In” Mobile Market
Date: Tuesday, October 13, from 12 Noon to 1:30 PM
Location: BCB Parking Lot at Mobile Market Trailer
This Mobile Market stop is for individuals who are blind or have low vision and can shop independently or bring their own assistant. No volunteer assistance will be available. Participants must also provide their own transportation, as Wheels is not a good fit for this stop. We ask those who do not meet these criteria please register for our other Mobile Market day that will take place Wednesday, October 21.
Registration Required

BCB Assisted Mobile Market on Wednesday, October 21, from 12 Noon to 1:30 PM; volunteers are available to assist with shopping. Bring a sack lunch for social hour and shopping at the Mobile Market! *Registration Required*

BCB Home Delivery on Thursday, October 22, from 3 to 6 PM Delivery of grocery items is available (based on availability of drivers) for those who are blind or have low vision and reside in Fayette County. Call (859)259-1834, extension 1 for a listing of items being delivered this month. *Registration Required*

BCB Afternoon Mentoring
Date: Wednesday, October 14, from 1 to 2 PM
Location: BCB Community Room, Suite 103
Topic: Managing Your Health!
UK College of Pharmacy graduate students will join us to demonstrate the proper use of talking blood pressure monitors and other accessible health devices, answer basic health questions, and discuss topics such as nutrition and food and drug interactions. Bring your questions, challenges, and solutions to share as we explore practical ways to better manage your health with low or no vision. *Registration Required*

BCB Assistive Technology October Seminar
Date: Thursday, October 15, from 1 to 2 PM
Location: BCB Office and Zoom
Topic: "Smart Glasses Showdown: Meta Ray-Ban vs. EchoVision"
Join us for our October AT Group Seminar as we compare the Meta Ray-Ban and EchoVision Smart Glasses. We'll explore their accessibility, AI features, and everyday usefulness for people who are blind or visually impaired. Come see both options in action and discover which smart glasses might be right for you! *Registration Required*

BCB October Evening Mentoring Group
Date: Thursday, October 15, from 7:30 to 8:30 PM
Location: Zoom Meeting
Registration Required

BCB October Lunch & Learn
Date: Wednesday, October 28, from 12 noon to 2 PM
Location: BCB Community Room, Suite 103
Menu: Chili and a baked potato from Wendy's
Speaker: Kristina Stambaugh, Director, Aging and Disability Services
Kristy will be here to provide us with an update on the opening of the new Senior and Therapeutic Recreation Center in Shilito Park. Plans are for city staff members from the Division of Aging and Disability Services to supervise programming for Seniors at the center, and staff members with the Division of Parks and Recreation will supervise programming for participants in Therapeutic Recreation. Come and learn the latest information on this new accessible center which is set to be opening soon.

Show your creativity and get into the spooky spirit! We will have a prize for the best Halloween costume. Registration Required

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

BCB November Community Outing
Date: Wednesday, November 4, from 2-3:30 PM
Location: BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse
3297 Nicholasville Rd, Lexington
Come join us for a November Friendsgiving at BJ's! We are planning to gather for great food and social time in this relaxed setting. Check out their menu at bjsrestaurants.com before you come. Everyone is responsible for payment of their own meal plus tax and tip. Call us with questions and to register so we can let them know how many to expect.
Registration Required

BCB November Food Distribution Dates:
BCB "Drop In" Mobile Market
Date: Tuesday, November 10, from 12 Noon to 1:30 PM
Location: BCB Parking Lot at Mobile Market Trailer
This Mobile Market stop is for individuals who are blind or have low vision and can shop independently or bring their own assistant. No volunteer assistance will be available. Participants must also provide their own transportation, as Wheels is not a good fit for this stop. We ask those who do not meet these criteria please register for our other Mobile Market day that will take place Wednesday, October 21.
Registration Required

BCB Assisted Mobile Market on Wednesday, November 18, from 12 Noon to 1:30 PM; volunteers are available to assist with shopping. Bring a sack lunch for social hour and shopping at the Mobile Market! The Kentucky Talking Book Library will have volunteers here for in-person tech support and account help one-on-one in Theresa's office. They can help you set up a BARD account, download books on your own mobile device, try the new DA2, or discuss changes to your service. They can also assist with new applications. Ask one of the volunteer pharmacy students to assist you. *Registration Required*

BCB Home Delivery on Thursday, November 19, from 3 to 6 PM; Delivery of grocery items is available (based on availability of drivers) for those who are blind or have low vision and reside in Fayette County. *Registration Required*

BCB Afternoon Mentoring
Date: Wednesday, November 11, from 1 to 2 PM
Location: BCB Community Room, Suite 103.
Registration Required

BCB Assistive Technology November Seminar
Date: Thursday, November 12, from 1 to 2 PM
Location: BCB Office and Zoom
Topic: Your TV is smarter than you know!
Join us for this month's AT group seminar where we'll be discussing accessibility on televisions and how these features can make entertainment more enjoyable for people who are blind or visually impaired. We'll explore audio description, built-in accessibility features on smart TVs, and options available through cable providers and popular streaming platforms. Come learn what's available, how these features work, and how to get the most out of your TV viewing experience. *Registration Required*

BCB November Evening Mentoring Group
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😊**Brighten Your Day:**

- Why did the tomato turn red? It saw the salad dressing.
- Where do cows go for entertainment? The mooooo-vies!
- How do you know when the moon has had enough to eat? When it's full.



Your trust means everything to us!
We are proud to hold Candid's Platinum Seal of Transparency, a reflection of our commitment to openness, accountability, and using every dollar you give wisely and responsibly. If you would like to help support the BCB Bulletin and the vital services provided by the Bluegrass Council of the Blind, please consider making a secure online donation today click through to our Web site here. Thank you!