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Health Department announces start to public vaccinations

Clinical healthcare and first responders priority, people 70 and older next

By STACIE BARTON
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Muhlenberg County Health Department has reported 288 cases of COVID-19 since the beginning of January. If this trend continues, the county is on track to break the previous monthly record of 552, set in December. As of Monday evening, there are 278 active cases, and four people hospitalized with the virus. Two deaths have been reported this month.

The health department announced Monday they are currently vaccinating people who are classified in Tier 1A, which are clinical healthcare workers and first responders.

“Very soon we will be able to vaccinate those age 70 and older and non-clinical healthcare workers,” the statement said.

An appointment can be made to receive a vaccination by calling

the health department at 270-608-4811. They are setting appointments for healthcare workers and first responders, as well as those 70 and older. The department is creating a waiting list for vaccinations, and filling slots as new shipments of the vaccine arrive in the county.

The department is working with partners in the community to distribute the vaccine. A spokesperson with Owensboro Health Muhlenberg Community Hospital said Monday they are currently assisting the health department with vaccinating Tier 1A recipients.

At this time, the hospital has not set up a system for directly distributing the vaccine to the public, but they are working toward that goal.

Anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19

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Teresa Gott, Jennie and Ben Duvall, outside Sip & Spin and You Can Art in Greenville. They will celebrate a grand opening on Jan. 18. (Leader-News photo/Stacie Barton)

Sip & Spin to be center for culture, art and history in Greenville

By STACIE BARTON
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History is coming alive, with some music and a coffee on the side, in Greenville’s downtown, where Sip & Spin is set to open on Jan. 18. The combination record shop, cafe and interactive

art studio is opening in the Roark building at 115 North Main Street, one of the oldest around.

“This is the third oldest commercial building in the county, so we’re doing everything we can to preserve it,” said Ben Duvall, owner of Sip & Spin.

Built in 1893, the space is now

owned by Teresa Gott, who is opening an interactive art studio in the back part of the building. You Can Art will offer painting instruction and canvas parties, led by Gott, well known to many

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A new digital sign is part of an effort to improve the first impressions of the Muhlenberg County Ag Center, home to a variety of events bringing tourism to the county. (Leader-News photo-Stacie Barton)



Ag Center improvements aim to enhance first impressions

The Muhlenberg County Agriculture and Convention Center has recently undergone renovations, including a new digital sign and remodeled upstairs meeting area. The center is home to a wide variety of events, such as arena motorcross, horse barrel racing and rodeos, as well as agricultural sales. Other improvements include new paint in the lobby area and restroom improvements.

Funding for the \$195,000 improvements was a joint effort, according to Mary Kate Kordes,

chair of the Muhlenberg County Tourism Commission. “We were excited to partner with the Muhlenberg County Fiscal Court and the Ag Center to enhance guest’s first impression when they visit the center, and we are thrilled to have been involved in facility improvements, as the Ag Center continues to attract thousands of visitors each year to the county.”

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McConnell, Paul, Comer condemn violence in U.S. Capitol

Kentucky lawmakers weighed in on the violence that erupted last week in Washington D.C., when a large group of protestors turned their anger on the U.S. Congress, breaking into the U.S. Capitol, resulting in the death of five people. Statements from many who represent Muhlenberg County in Washington D.C. called for

certification of the Electoral College votes, and prosecution for those involved in the take-over on Jan. 6.

As the joint session of Congress met to certify the Electoral College results and name Democrat Joseph Biden the winner of the 2020 election, President Donald Trump held a rally at the White House, where he repeat-

ed his claims that the election was stolen, and encouraged the gathered crowd to march on the Capitol.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell rejected the president’s claims of a stolen election on the floor of the senate on Wednesday. “President Trump claims this election was stolen. The assertions range

from specific local allegations to constitutional arguments to sweeping conspiracy theories,” McConnell said.

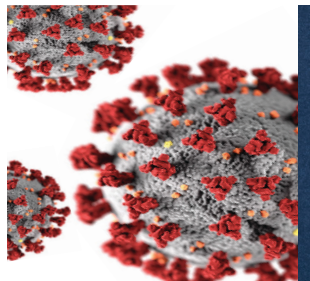
McConnell added that while the President has a right to use the legal system, nothing presented before them proved illegality on the massive scale touted by Trump. “Dozens of lawsuits received hearings in court-

rooms across the country, but over and over, the courts rejected these claims – including all-star judges whom the President himself nominated.”

The crowd smashed windows, forced their

way past Capitol Police, and roamed free inside the Capitol for hours as lawmakers took shelter. Rep. James Comer was among those inside the

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SIP & SPIN: Continued from FRONT

as the art teacher at Muhlenberg South Middle School.

Ben and his wife, Jennie, plan on having a full service espresso cafe, along with a record store, fully stocked with a variety of selections that span the genres and decades. They also plan on hosting live music, and events.

“We’re going to be doing tons of events that are focused on the history of the building and the history of the county,” Ben said. They hope to create a place for historical preservation, and a cultural center where people can come to enjoy local art and music.

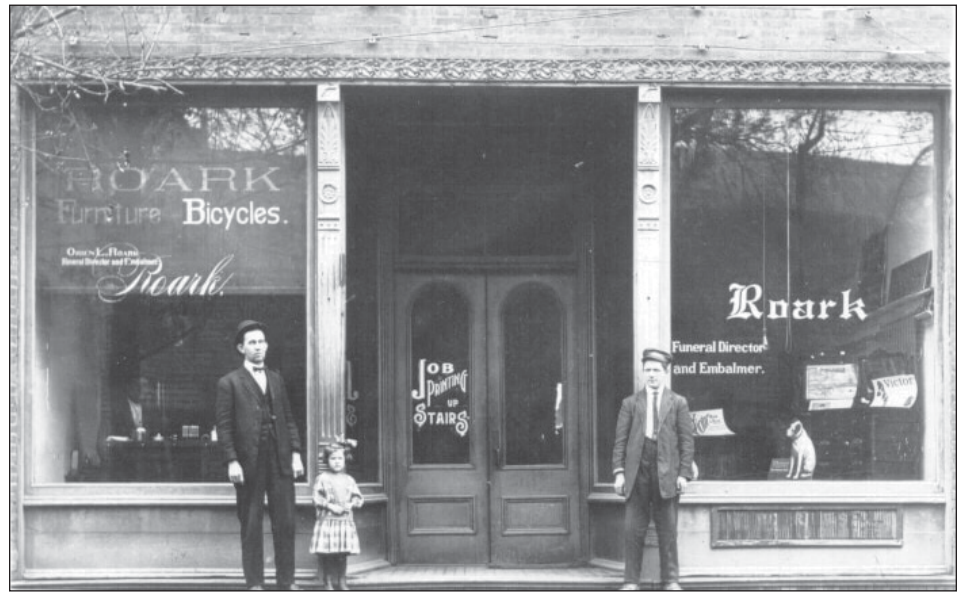
Throughout the renovations, they are trying to keep things as close to what the building would have looked like in the 1920s. Plaster walls, re-finished baseboards, and bathrooms tiled in the hexagon style of the day will make history feel alive in the space.

Artifacts from the earliest era of the building include devices used in the mortuary business, photos of the Roark family patriarchs, and a gramophone once owned by the family.

Teresa said she will be hosting a painting party during the grand opening, and people can drop

in and paint. The project will be a coffee cup, and she’s taking painters anytime during the evening. She is also getting everything ready to begin classes in the near future. “I have a couple of artists who will be working with me, doing canvas parties, and I will do art lessons in the evenings,” she said.

Sip & Spin will be open early, at 6 a.m. to accommodate those on their way to work. They will be open weekdays from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. To schedule painting time, visit You Can Art on Facebook.



The location of Sip & Spin is in one of the oldest buildings in the county, once the home of Roark Bicycles, Funeral Director and Embalmer. (Photo/Submitted by Ben Duvall.)



J.L. Roark and Orion Roark built the building at 115 N. Main. While J.L. never stepped foot into the building, his son, Orion, ran the family business there for decades. The gramophone also belonged to Orion Roark. (Photo/Submitted by Ben Duvall.)

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A variety of organizations came together to fund the project. In addition to the county tourism commission and fiscal court, funds also came from the Felix E. Martin Jr. Foundation, Owensboro Health Muhlenberg Community Hospital, Pogue Automotive, Farmers Bank & Trust, First Kentucky Bank, Old National Bank, and the Greenville and Central City tourism commissions.

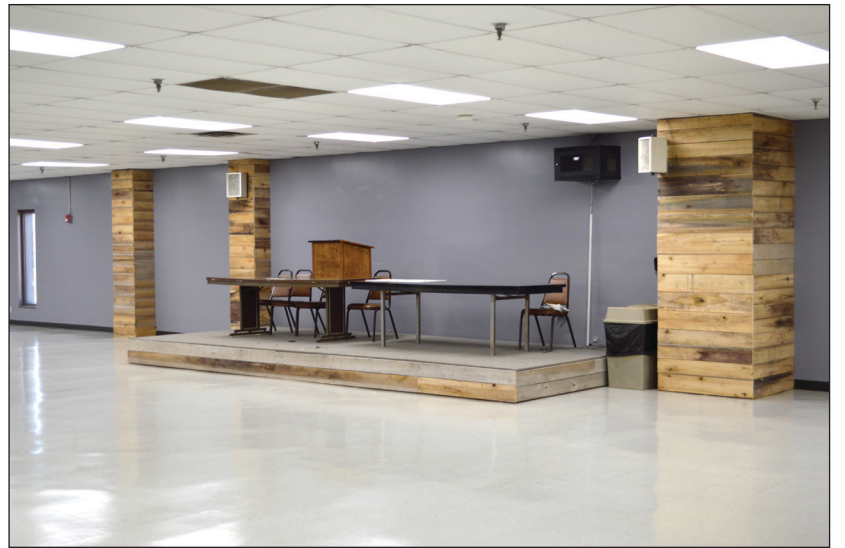
The Ag Center is a 40,000 sq. ft. facility which hosts more than 150 events and welcomes more than 50,000 visitors each year. These improvements come as

the center prepares for their busy winter season.

The center also recently added radiant heaters to help spectators keep the chill away. These heaters span the seating area, and were funded through the fiscal court.

“We are grateful for the work that has been done to the facility and the positive impact it will have on visitors,” said Curtis McGehee, county judge executive.

The center provides locals and visitors with unique experiences throughout the year. Visit their Facebook page for upcoming events.



An upstairs conference room has been fully renovated, ready for meetings, get-togethers, and more. Upstairs restrooms have also been remodeled. (Leader-News Photo/Lucretia Kittinger)

Muhlenberg County Weather

Extended Forecast Jan. 12-19		Last Week's Almanac	
TUESDAY Hi: 45 Lo: 27 Mostly Sunny	SATURDAY Hi: 38 Lo: 25 Cloudy	Jan. 3-9	
WEDNESDAY Hi: 49 Lo: 32 Partly Cloudy	SUNDAY Hi: 37 Lo: 25 Cloudy	Day	Hi Low
THURSDAY Hi: 42 Lo: 28 Partly Cloudy	MONDAY Hi: 46 Lo: 29 Partly Cloudy	Sun.	45 29
FRIDAY Hi: 42 Lo: 28 Partly Cloudy	TUESDAY Hi: 46 Lo: 29 Partly Cloudy	Mon.	55 26
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LAKE CONDITIONS			
The pool elevation at Lake Barkley is 354.3 and the dam is 312.2. Kentucky Lake's pool elevation is 354.3 above the dam and below the dam is 312.2. Lake temps: Kentucky Lake 44, Lake Barkley 44.			

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Capitol during the insurrection. The Republican congressman represents Kentucky's First District, which includes Muhlenberg County.

Comer said on Thursday his staff sheltered in an undisclosed location after protestors made their way onto the House floor. “The outrageous rioting and violence taking place at the Capitol Building is completely unacceptable and not who we are as a nation of law and order. Mob violence is wrong, regardless of political affiliation.”

Comer said that he and other lawmakers were disappointed in the way other states operated their elections, with changes to accommodate voters during the pandemic made without the approval of state legislatures. He said state legislatures failed to do their job, but “the Trump Campaign filed over 60 lawsuits in various state and federal courts, and unfortunately, every lawsuit failed.”

Comer also acknowledged all 50 states had certified their election results and their electors without a single state legislature objecting. He joined the majority of lawmakers who voted to

certify the Electoral College results, hours after the rioters were removed from the Capitol and congress resumed their business.

Russell Coleman, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, released a statement saying he would join his colleagues from across the country in prosecuting anyone from this region who engaged in the violence on Jan. 6. Coleman said there is a line that was crossed, when “First Amendment protected protest becomes criminal conduct.” He promised to “vigorously enforce federal law as it relates to anyone from the Western District of Kentucky who assaulted the democratic process and put people at risk.”

Coleman announced his resignation in a letter on Jan. 11, effective on Jan. 20. “I share in the sentiments of my fellow U.S. Attorneys around the country who were shocked, appalled, and saddened at the violent mob that stormed our Capitol on Jan. 6,” the letter said. “I hope each and every perpetrator is brought to justice, and our country can heal from this tragic chapter. Law enforcement is not

a partisan calling, and to be clear, I stand at the ready to be helpful to my successor in any way.”

“Voting to overturn state-certified elections would be the opposite of what states’s rights Republicans have always advocated for, said Rand Paul, the junior senator from Kentucky. “It’s one thing to be angry, it is another to focus one’s anger in a constructive way,” Paul said. “That hasn’t happened today, to say the least.”

“This election was not unusually close,” McConnell said. “This Electoral College margin is almost identical to 2016. If this election were overturned by mere allegations from the losing side, our democracy would enter a death spiral. We’d never see the whole nation accept an election again.”

Five people lost their lives during the riot, including a woman who was shot by Capitol Police, and an officer who was crushed by the mob. More than 100 have been arrested for charges ranging from trespassing and curfew violations to felonies including assault on police officers, possession of illegal weapons and making death threats.



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State releases county unemployment data for November 2020

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Jan. 7, 2021) – Unemployment rates rose in 104 Kentucky counties between November 2019 and November 2020, according to the Kentucky Center for Statistics, an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

Muhlenberg County saw 683 unemployed in November 2020, with a jobless rate of 7.0 percent. That is down from October 2020, when the jobless rate was 9.1 percent. In November 2019, the jobless rate in the county was 5.7 percent.

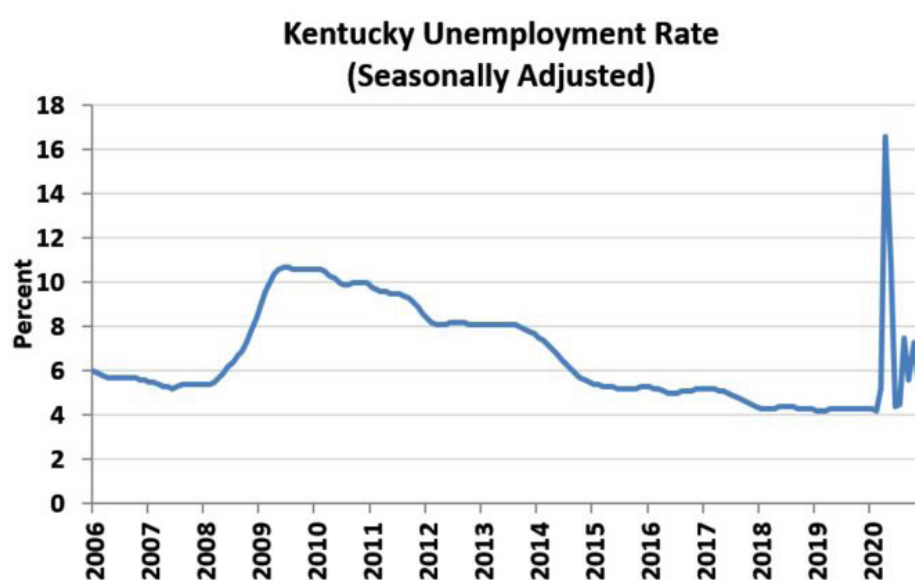
Todd County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the Commonwealth at 3.4 percent. It was followed by Oldham County, 3.5 percent; Henry and Logan counties, 3.6 percent each; Carlisle, Cumberland, Green, Shelby, Washington and Woodford counties, 3.8 percent each.

Magoffin County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate at 13.9 percent. It was followed by Harlan County, 10.5 percent; Letcher County, 8.8 percent; Leslie County, 8.6 percent; Martin County, 8.4 percent; Floyd County, 8 percent; Knott County, 7.9 percent; Breathitt and Johnson counties, 7.8 percent each; and Perry County, 7.7 percent.

Kentucky's county unemployment rates and employment levels are not seasonally adjusted because of small sample sizes. Employment statistics undergo sharp fluctuations due to seasonal events such as weather changes, harvests, holidays and school openings and closings. Seasonal adjustments eliminate these influences and make it easier to observe statistical trends. The comparable, unadjusted unemployment rate for the state was 5.1 percent

for November 2020, and 6.4 percent for the nation.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks. The data should only be compared to the same month in previous years.



Source: Kentucky Center for Statistics. US Bureau of Labor Statistics. Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

MCC Integrated Nursing Program offers virtual pre-admission conference

Prospective students interested in applying to the Integrated Nursing program at Madisonville Community College now have access to the Pre-admission conference virtually.

Dr. Marsha Woodall, Integrated Nursing program director, shares the details of the admissions

process for students, including key deadlines and information about the materials required for admission in the video. The next application deadline is April 15, 2021 for Fall 2021 admission consideration. The conference presentation can be found at this link: <https://youtu.be/1TBebOvpz4>

VACCINATIONS:

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and were provided monoclonal antibody therapy, often under the brand name Bamlanivimab, must wait 90 days before receiving a COVID-19 vaccination, health officials said.

Muhlenberg County Schools announced a continuation of all-virtual classes through Jan. 15. "As we continue to navigate through this pandemic, we are constantly evaluating the number of cases and quarantines in our district. Due to the current high numbers, it will be difficult to provide adequate staffing at each school. Our goal will be to offer our students the Hybrid A/B learning plan as soon as possible. That will be the goal for each week," the statement said.

Gov. Andy Beshear announced 2,085 new cases in the Commonwealth on Monday. There were 21 deaths, and 1,709 Kentuckians hospitalized on Monday as well. There are currently 381 people in ICU and 207 on ventilators.

Kentucky is currently facing a test posi-

tivity rate of 12.35%, which is the percentage of COVID-19 tests that come back positive. Health officials strive to reach a rate under 10%.

Beshear condemned domestic terrorism in his Monday address. Saturday saw about 100 protesters, many armed, outside the Kentucky Capitol while both chambers of the General Assembly were in session.

"Three days after domestic terrorists attacked our U.S. Capitol, there was a militia rally in Frankfort. They brought zip ties. We will not be intimidated. We will not be bullied. America is counting on real patriots. Those who condemn hate and terror when they see it," Beshear said on Twitter.

The home of Dr. Steven Stack, Kentucky's Public Health Commissioner, was vandalized on Sunday, with the words "COVID is PCR fraud" spray painted on his mailbox.

"These are people who think they can take the law into their own hands," Beshear said.

Drakesboro man charged in stolen deer hunting equipment incident

Michael Epley, 46, of Drakesboro, was arrested and charged on Dec. 15 with receiving stolen property after a report of stolen deer hunting equipment was investigated by the Muhlenberg County Sheriff's Office.

A search warrant was executed by Deputy Derrick Moore at a residence on Crossing Street

in Drakesboro, where approximately \$2,000 worth of stolen property was recovered, including property reported in a previous theft.

Epley was transported to the Muhlenberg County Detention Center, where he was lodged. Kentucky State Police and Fish and Wildlife Department assisted at the scene.

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READERS WRITE

County Airport Board lacks authority to approve cell tower

The Muhlenberg County Airport Board wishes to clarify the statement made in the December 29, 2020 issue of the Leader-News which stated, "The application for the cell tower was first approved this summer by the Muhlenberg County Airport Board".

The Muhlenberg County Airport Board does not have approval authority.

That authority is invested in the Muhlenberg Joint City-County Planning Commission, the Kentucky Airport Zoning Commission,

and the Federal Aviation Administration.

The Muhlenberg County Airport Board initially opposed this tower because of its height and not being lighted both day and night, which are safety of flight concerns.

This objection was submitted to the Kentucky Airport Zoning Commission and the Federal Aviation Administration for consideration. The Kentucky Airport Zoning Commission denied the application as filed based on our objection.

During the summer of 2020, op-

position was withdrawn after the tower design was lowered in height to 173 feet above ground level and 24 hours per day flashing strobe lights were added.

These design modifications will greatly improve the safety of aircraft arriving and departing Muhlenberg County Airport, which is our primary concern, regardless of a cell tower location.

A.D. Pollock
Chair,
Muhlenberg County Airport Board

Economic impact and response to COVID-19 top legislative priorities as session begins

The Kentucky General Assembly has officially gavelled in for the 2021 Regular Session. Our first official few days back in Frankfort have been productive.

Diligent work over the course of the 2020 Interim and handling initial procedural responsibilities bring me confidence in what this 30-day session has in store.

The swearing-in ceremony of new legislators, including the newest members of the Kentucky Senate Majority Caucus, was held. They include: Jason Howell, representing Senate District 1; Adrienne Southworth, representing Senate District 7; Brandon Storm, representing Senate District 21; and Johnnie L. Turner, representing Senate District 29.

I am also happy to say that Senate President Robert Stivers, President Pro-Tempore David Givens, Majority Floor Leader Damon Thayer, Majority Whip Mike Wilson, and Majority Caucus Chair Julie Raque Adams were all reelected to their positions in Senate Leadership. With all of these fine folks and other returning members—each bringing his or her own unique experiences and talents to the table—I am eager to get to work and address the many challenges that are facing our state.

This legislative session will be unlike any to come before it. Standard

procedures will be altered to avoid the spread of COVID-19, such as limiting the number of people within the Senate Chamber, committee rooms, and legislative suites at one time.

The excellent staff will remain socially distanced, workstations will be adequately sanitized, and masks will be worn to be as safe as possible while still fulfilling our constitutional obligations to the Commonwealth. Also unique about this year's legislative session will be the responsibility to pass another state budget. For the first time in state history, a biennial budget was not passed.

Instead, during the 2020 Session, as COVID-19 made its way into our lives, and not knowing what impacts it would have on state revenue, the General Assembly determined the best course of action would be to pass a 1-year budget rather than a 2-year budget. This will be among the most important efforts in this new 30-day legislative session.

Some priority legislation of the majority caucus has been outlined. The bills are relevant to the topics at the forefront of discussions through the interim. They include measures to address the economic impacts of COVID-19 and the state response to it, liability protections for businesses and health care pro-

viders, police reforms, and to better define executive authority during a state of emergency.

All of these and more have been the issues that have motivated constituents to contact lawmakers' offices. They will be key topics of discussion and debate along with other legislation aimed at addressing concerns that matter to the people of Kentucky.

As the chairman of the Senate Veterans, Military Affairs, & Public Protection Committee, I was pleased to hold the session's first meeting this week. The committee heard testimony and passed Senate Bill (SB) 9, the Born Alive Infant Protection Act.

This pro-life measure is no stranger to the legislature. Senate Bill 9 would require an infant born alive to be given the appropriate medical care to preserve life. Any violation of SB 9 could result in the medical provider's license being revoked and felony charges. I am a proud sponsor of this bill and was pleased to see it pass through the Senate chamber once again this year.

The legislature continued its business through Saturday this week, completing five days of the 30-day session.

I am thankful for another year of representing the 6th District in the Kentucky State Senate.



Sen. C. B. Embry

Though things will be different this year, I look forward to hearing from you and will be keeping you updated over the 30-day session. Do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions or concerns you may have.

If you have any questions or comments about these issues or any other public policy issue, please call me toll-free at 1-800-372-7181 or email me at CB.Embry@LRC.ky.gov.

Senator C.B. Embry, JR (R-Morgantown) represents the 6th District including Butler, Hopkins, Muhlenberg, and Ohio Counties. He is Chairman of the Senate Standing Committee on Veterans, Military Affairs, and Public Protection Committee and Co-Chairman of the Tobacco Settlement Statutory Committee. Senator Embry is also a member of the Senate Standing Committees on Transportation; and Natural Resources, and Energy.

House session begins with relief for those who want to remain open

The 2021 Regular Session of the Kentucky General Assembly began on Jan. 5 by House members receiving the oath of office from the Chief Justice of the Kentucky Supreme Court. After the installation of Leadership, we promptly went to work to address the many concerns we have heard over these past nine months. A total of six bills, three in each legislative chamber, were passed and sent to the Governor for his consideration.

HB 1 focused on keeping businesses, schools, non-profits, and other organizations safely open throughout the remainder of the pandemic. It provides clarification and reassurance that if they adopt, follow, and adhere to an operating plan that follows safety guidelines to protect employees and customers, clients, members, students, etc., they can remain open and operational.

It includes provisions that would allow in-person custodial parent visitation for children in state care as well as measures for nursing homes and long-term care facilities to allow visitation of their residents. Long-term care residents are some of the most vulnerable to the virus, however, complete isolation has proven equally harmful to their quality of life.

Relief for employers with regards to paying their unemployment insurance taxes is also addressed, delaying their payment if needed. It does not release them from their obligation but may be what they need to remain a viable business.

We have passed the most significant pro-life legislation in the country in the past four years. HB 2 would grant the Attorney General the authority to independently enforce existing laws and administrative regulations regarding abortions without prior approval of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

HB 5 would require the executive branch to seek prior approval of the Legislature for all executive branch and board reorganizations.

SB 1 redefines the emergency powers granted in law to governors by previous legislatures. The goal is to balance the powers between co-equal branches of government. It allows for a governor to act quickly in an emergency but requires consultation with the legislature if it lasts longer than thirty days.

SB 2 would require legislative oversight of any administrative regulations issued during an emergency by executive order for accountability purposes.

SB 9 is the "Born Alive Act" passed at the end of the 2020 Session but was vetoed by the Governor. It would require medically appropriate and reasonable care be given to any infant born-alive in Kentucky whether by an attempted abortion or natural birth.

Other measures passed in the House include HB's 3, 4 and 10. HB 3 would expand access to the courts for cases brought against the state or a state elected official.

HB 4 would allow flexibility for state legislative sessions. If HB 4 becomes law, all Kentucky voters would vote in November of 2022 on a Constitutional Amendment to have a say in the calendars of fu-



Rep. Melinda Prunty

ture legislatures. It would remove the hard end dates of April 15 for sixty-day sessions and March 30 for 30-day sessions and allow for an additional ten days if needed if approved by three-fifths of the House and Senate. It was proposed in the past. If it had been in place the Legislature could have come back in during the pandemic to address in a timelier manner what we are addressing now.

HB 10 would provide liability protections for individuals, businesses, churches, schools, organizations such as non-profits, etc. who have acted responsibly to prevent the spread of COVID-19 by conforming to current safety standards.

Something unique this year is that while it is a 30-day session, we must craft another one-year budget due to the pandemic causing only a one-year budget being created during the 2020 Regular Session. Governor Beshear presented his budget proposal Thursday evening, Jan. 7. The House A&R Committee met Friday, will meet again Monday morning, the Jan. 11 and hopefully get its version of a budget to the Senate sometime this week.

While the Governor's message sounded extremely positive, it must be noted that the revenues look better due to a one-time infusion of federal dollars. That cannot be counted on to sustain our economy. We must look at more realistic numbers and be transparent with constituents about what we can reasonably expect as far as revenues and afford to spend as a Commonwealth.

As always, I welcome your comments and concerns on any issue and can be reached, regardless of if in session or not, through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181, at 502-564-8100 Ext.59010 (NOTE: new extension), or via email at melindagibbons.prunty@lrc.ky.gov

Please follow me on Facebook @melindagibbonsprunty. You can also keep track of committee meetings and potential legislation by watching live on KET or through the Kentucky Legislature Home Page at www.legislature.ky.gov

Representative Melinda Gibbons Prunty represents the 15th House District serving Muhlenberg and SE Hopkins Counties which includes White Plains, Morton's Gap, Anton as well as sections of Nortonville, Earlinton and SE Madison County. She is Vice-Chair of both the Health & Family Services Committee and the Budget Review Sub-Committee on Health & Family Services. She serves on the Appropriations & Revenue, Education, and Natural Resources & Energy Committees as well as the Kentucky Colon Cancer Screening Advisory Committee.

MEETINGS

- **GREENVILLE CITY COUNCIL** will meet Jan. 12, at 5:00 p.m. This is a special called meeting to reschedule a Jan. 14 regular meeting. The meeting will be held at City Hall, 118 Court Street.
- **CENTRAL CITY CITY COUNCIL** will meet on Jan. 13, at 5:00 p.m. for their regular monthly meeting. The meeting will be held at City Hall, 214 N. 1st Street.
- **MUHLENBERG COUNTY EXTENSION DISTRICT BOARD** will have a special called meeting on Jan. 15 at 3:00 p.m. at the Muhlenberg County Courthouse. This special called meeting will take the place of the formerly scheduled quarterly meeting that was set for Jan. 14.
- **WEST MUHLENBERG POND RIVER FLOODPLAIN CONSERVANCY DISTRICT** will meet on Jan. 16 at 9 a.m. at the Graham Fire Department at 120 Firehouse Lane in Graham.
- **MUHLENBERG COUNTY NAACP** will be hosting a virtual MLK Celebration on Jan. 18 at 6 p.m. Join us as we celebrate with special guest speakers, a tribute to Dr. King and more. Zoom log-in information: Meeting ID: 970 1918 4603, Passcode: 409514, Call-in: 1-312-626-6799.
- **MUHLENBERG COUNTY WATER DISTRICT #3** January meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Jan. 19 at 4815 Main Street, Bremen. The change is due to the

- MLK holiday.
- **GREENVILLE TOURISM COMMISSION** will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 19 at 125 S. Main Street in Greenville for their regular monthly meeting.
- **MUHLENBERG COUNTY TOURISM COMMISSION** will meet at 12 noon on Jan. 20 for their regular monthly meeting. Join via Zoom, Meeting ID: 897 0617 7907, Passcode 407542.
- **MUHLENBERG COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES BOARD OF TRUSTEES** will hold their monthly meeting at 4:30 p.m. on Jan. 21 at the Harbin Memorial Library in Greenville.
- **MUHLENBERG BOARD OF EDUCATION** will hold their regular monthly meeting on Jan. 21 at 5:30 p.m. This meeting will be held virtually. The public can attend by going to www.mberg.k12.ky.us for a live stream. Video can be watched later on YouTube.
- **MUHLENBERG COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL** will meet Jan. 26 at the Muhlenberg County Extension Service located at 3690 State Route 1380 Central City, KY 42330. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. Masks are required and social distancing will be utilized. Please contact Darrell Simpson, Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources at (270) 338 3124 or at drsimpso@uky.edu.

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OBITUARIES

Owen Neal Dockery

GREENVILLE — Owen Neal Dockery, 78, of Greenville, went to his heavenly home Wednesday, December 23, 2020 at his residence. Born October 7, 1942. He retired from Island Creek Coal and was a member of Olive Grove Baptist Church in Greenville. Owen had a passion for the Lord and accepted his call into the ministry, doing his part to show Jesus to all who knew him. Wherever there was a revival being held, one could expect to see Owen and his wife of 56 years, Shirley, in attendance. He was never at a loss for conversation and always had a story to share about how the Lord had touched his life. He was preceded in death by his parents, Arlan and Mable Dockery; brother, Cadar Dockery; and grandson, Brandon Dockery.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley Dockery; children Neal Dewayne (Jenniffer) Dockery of Greenville, Rita (Johnny) Groves of Greenville, and Troy (Anita) Dockery of Nortonville; grandchildren Tiffany Groves, Brooke Neal, Bryan (Martina) Dockery, Johnny Groves, Jr.



(Allison), Brodi (Mikaela) Groves, Brianna Dockery, Dustin Dockery, Dawson Dockery, Emma Dockery, Erika Stark; great-grandchildren Cheyenne Dockery, Katie Dockery, Conner Dockery, Eiden Dockery, and Wyatt Groves; siblings Henry (Bonnie) Dockery of Greenville, Jewel Dockery of Millport, Donald (Martha) Dockery of Greenville; sister-in-law, Ann Dockery of Millport; a special friend, Jimmy Lee Beadnell, Jr. and a host of nieces and nephews.

Graveside funeral services were held Sunday, January 10, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. at Vernal Grove Cemetery, with Rev. Rick Peterson officiating, assisted by Rev. Keith Howard. Burial followed. Online condolences may be made at www.tuckerfuneralhomes.com.

Helen Jane Parker

BOWLING GREEN — Helen Jane Parker, 94, of Bowling Green, formerly of Greenville, passed away Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at The Medical Center of Bowling Green. Born April 22, 1926, in Carlisle County, Ky., the daughter of Guy Curtsinger and Amye Mix Curtsinger. She was the beloved wife of James N. (Jim) Parker, who preceded her in death after sixty years of marriage and a lifetime of devotion. For more than 50 years, Jim and Jane resided in Greenville, where they were members of the Greenville United Methodist Church. She was the big sister to the late Charles Curtsinger.

Survivors include daughters, Jayne Ann (Richard) Humphrey of Rochester, Linda Jo (Bobby) Cole of Windermere, Fla.; grandchildren, Brian (Ali) Humphrey of Carson City, Nev., Jennifer (Tommy) Evans of



Cromwell, Carson Cole of Windermere, Fla., Paige (Brandon) Ragan of Orlando, Fla.; great grandchildren, Shawna West of Louisville, Hannah West of Cromwell, Alexis, Walker, and Addie May Humphrey of Carson City, Nev., Stella and Ferris Ragan of Orlando, Fla.

Graveside services were held Saturday, January 9 at Milburn Cemetery in Milburn. Gary's Funeral Home of Greenville was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences to the family may be made at www.garysfuneralhome.net

Lannie Earl Jernigan

LEWISBURG — Lannie Earl Jernigan, 79, of Lewisburg died Wednesday, January 6, 2021, at his home. Born Thursday, June 5, 1941 in Greenville, the son of the late Shellie Jernigan and the late Mable Foley Jernigan. He was a farmer and a boiler-maker for TVA, a member of the Lewisburg Masonic Lodge 324 F&AM, the Rizpah Shriners in Madisonville, and a member of Elk Lick Baptist Church in Lewisburg. He was preceded in death by brothers, George Jernigan, Jewell Jernigan, Roy Jernigan, Gilbert Jernigan, Pete Jernigan, Howard Jernigan, Bobby Jernigan and Gene Jernigan; sisters, Myrtle Lofthouse, Lucy Ford

and Hazel Webster. Survivors include his wife Judy Mitchell Jernigan; son, Lannie David Jernigan of Lewisburg; daughter, Kim Richardson of Russellville; brother, Wendell Jernigan of Greenville; sisters, Janice Grace of Greenville and Betty Benningfield of Greenville and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, January 9, at 1:00 p.m. at Price Funeral Home, Inc., in Lewisburg with Bro. Ronnie Forrest officiating. Burial followed in Elk Lick Baptist Church Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be sent to Shriners Hospitals for Children, 3229 Burnet Avenue Cincinnati, OH 45229.

Russell Robert Schultz

DUNMOR — Russell Robert Schultz, 83, of Dunmor, died Monday, January 4, 2021 at his home. Born November 25, 1937, in Detroit, Mich. He was a cupelo operator for General Motors. Mr. Schultz was an avid hunter. He loved to travel and had great memories of hitting the big jackpot at the casinos. He enjoyed spending quality time with his family. He was preceded in death by his mother, Viola Schultz; father James Schultz; brothers Jim Schultz, Harold Schultz, Charles Schultz, and Joseph Schultz and sister Mary Hogan.

Survivors include his wife, Geneva Barnes Schultz; son Jerry Schultz of Dunmor; daughters Donna Schultz of Danville, Ill. and Paula



(Darrell) Cunningham of Williamsport, Ind.; grandchildren Levy Schultz (Clarice Moore) and Lucas Schultz; great-grandchild Lucian Schultz; sisters Margaret Hinkle and Naomi Hudson and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services are private. Tucker Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.tuckerfuneralhomes.com.

Nora Louise Weaver

BREMEN — Nora Louise Weaver, 63, of Bremen, died Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at her home. Born January 20, 1957, in Bardstown. She was a certified medical technician at Maple Manor Nursing Home, and a member of Living Word Church. She was preceded in death by her parents, Cleve and Eddie Strothoff; brothers Edward Strothoff, Roger Strothoff, and Robert Strothoff and sisters Betty Lou Eades and Joann Bethel.

Survivors include

her husband, Phillip Hope Sr.; son Phillip Hope, Jr.; daughter Casie Weaver; two grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; three step-great-grandchildren; brothers Don Strothoff and Richard Strothoff and sister Linda Strothoff Armstrong.

Funeral services were held Saturday, January 9, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. at Living Word Church, with Rev. Enoch Rich officiating. Online condolences may be made at www.tuckerfuneralhomes.com.

Teresa Lynn Hamby Blake

BEECH CREEK — Teresa Lynn Hamby Blake, 69, of Beech Creek, died Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at VA Medical Center in Lexington. Born October 18, 1951, in Muhlenberg County. She was a private sitter and of the Christian faith. She was also a U.S. Army veteran. She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Marjorie Hamby and brothers Gene Hamby and Jimmy

Hamby. Survivors include her husband, Robert Blake; sister June Vincent; her beloved dogs; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Graveside funeral services were held Friday, January 8, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. at Skipworth Cemetery in Rosewood, with burial to follow. Tucker Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.tuckerfuneralhomes.com.

James Randall Bourne

GREENVILLE — James Randall Bourne, 32, of Greenville died Saturday, December 18, 2020 at Owensboro Health Regional Hospital. Born October 6, 1988 in Muhlenberg county. He was preceded in death by his father, Randall Wade Bourne; grandmother Barbara Foursythe; Grandfathers Rhea Bourne and Bennie Sadler.

Survivors include daughters Miracle Holloway of Madisonville and Si'mya Bourne of Bowling Green; son, Kasious Bourne of Bowling Green; mother Nancy Mefford of Greenville; brothers Casey Bourne



and Dwight Hunter both of Greenville; sister Skylar Baker of Greenville and grandmother Thelma Sadler of South Carolina.

He was an organ donor. He saved 5 people's lives. He was a Hero in our eyes! Tucker Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

James Edward Bruce

BEECHMONT — James Edward Bruce, 75, of Beechmont, died Friday, January 1, 2021 at Owensboro Health Regional Hospital. Born June 18, 1945, in Greenville. He was a coal miner for Peabody Coal Co. and a member of the Gospel Tabernacle Church in Russellville. He was an army reservist for 2 years, a 1963 graduate of Drakesboro Consolidated High School and served many years on the Muhlenberg County Board of Education as a member and chairman. He was preceded in death by his father, Archie Bruce; mother, Pearl Brown Bruce; brothers Archie Bruce and Don Bruce and sisters Hazel Bobbitt, Alice Sparks, Betty Phillips and Audie Worrell.

Most people called him "Bo", but we knew him as husband, dad, father-in-law, and granddaddy. He loved attending church and being with his brothers and sisters. He enjoyed watching the St. Louis Cardinals and the Kentucky Wildcats. He loved gardening, fishing, hunting, and spending time with his granddaughters at the pool. He was a loving husband, he was an excellent father, who always took care of his children and did the best he could to teach and



guide them. He was also a caring granddaddy, who dedicated himself to providing an abundance of unconditional love, humor, lessons in life, and most importantly, ice cream. Bo is loved by many and was a kind and warmhearted man. His smile and laugh were contagious. He cared for and impacted every person he encountered. Bo is loved and will be missed by many.

Survivors include his wife, Karen Jo Rager Bruce of Beechmont; children, Penney Bruce (Harold) Gates and Scott (Dana Turner) Bruce; grandchildren, Tayler Gates, Sydney Bruce, Kilee Gates and Madison Bruce; sisters, Cherry Brewer and Erie Warner.

Funeral services were held Saturday, January 9, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. at Tucker Beechmont Funeral Home, with Pastor Craig Jackson officiating. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery. Online condolences may be made at www.tuckerfuneralhomes.com.

James Douglas Lowe

GREENVILLE — James Douglas Lowe, 77, of Greenville, died Thursday, January 7, 2021 at Owensboro Health Regional Hospital. Born April 4, 1943 in Detroit, Mich., the son of the late James William Lowe and Helen Virginia Jinkins Lowe. He was a graduate of the University of Tennessee, a scholarship player and letterman in football, and a Volunteer for life. He had an outstanding high school football and basketball career at South Fulton High School. He had been a high school assistant football coach, head basketball boys' coach, and head basketball girls' coach. Following his coaching and teaching career, he was an insurance adjuster for ten years, and later an agent and owner of Greenville Insurance. He loved the outdoors and enjoyed hunting and fishing. Jim was very involved in the community and his church and was a deacon at First Baptist Church in Greenville. He was a family man and loved his children and grandchildren.



Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Lynn Safley Lowe of Greenville; son Andy (Melissa) Lowe of Crestwood, Ky.; daughter Amy Lowe of Greenville; grandchildren, McKaylee Lowe of Greenville, James Thomas (J.T.) Lowe of Crestwood, Ky. and Andrew Lowe of Crestwood, Ky.; sister, Patricia Lowe of Springhill, Tenn.

Graveside services in Evergreen Cemetery will be private with Rev. John Galyen officiating, to be followed at a later date with a celebration of life for friends and family. Gary's Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. There will be no visitation. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.garysfuneralhome.net

Joyce Marie Oliver

BREMEN — Joyce Marie Oliver, 74, of Bremen, died Tuesday, January 5, 2021, at her home. Born March 2, 1946, in Bremen. She was a homemaker. She was preceded in death by her parents, James and Minnie Buchanan; husband, George Oliver; daughter, Melissa Evans; great-great-grandson Orion Rich and sister Judy Bratcher.

Survivors include her son, Mark Triplett;

three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; brothers Lyndell Buchanan, Bobby Buchanan, and George Buchanan and sisters Bertha Branaham and Margaret Romans.

Funeral services were held Friday, January 8, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. at Tucker Funeral Home in Central City. Online condolences may be made at www.tuckerfuneralhomes.com.

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OBITUARIES

Gerald Franklin Walker

GREENVILLE - Gerald Franklin Walker, 91, of Greenville died Saturday, January 9, 2021 at his residence while under the care of Hospice of Western Kentucky. Born March 17, 1929 in Muhlenberg County. He worked in heating and cooling for Hart Furnace Company in Louisville. He was preceded in death by his wife, Juanita Walker; daughter, Patricia Ann Walker; sisters, Floella Dukes, Aline Grace, Meriline Bandy,

Wanda Bandy, Margie Wells; brothers, J.W. Walker, Winford Walker.

Survivors include his son, Dennie Earl Walker of Greenville; daughter, Brenda Gayle Walker of Greenville; one grandson; two great-granddaughters and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be private. Tucker Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences can be made at www.tuckerfuneralhomes.com.

Allen Martin

BRIGHTON, Mich. - Allen Martin passed away in Brighton, Mich. on Friday, January 8, at the age of 93 with his beloved wife, Bonnie, by his side. Born in Kentucky he was drafted into the army near the close of WWII, then he became Detroit police officer and served there for over 25 years. He was a member of a Baptist church wherever he lived and enjoyed singing in the church choir.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie; daughter, Marilyn Carlson of Fla.; daughters, Carolyn Kruse of Colo., Evelyn Bowser of Calif.; son, Doug Martin of Pa.;

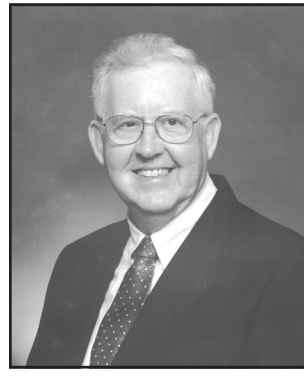
step-sons, Gene Keeler, Dean Keeler and Doug Keeler all of Mich. numerous grandchildren & great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held for him at 1 p.m. on Saturday, January 16th at Corley Chapel Cemetery in Graham, KY on State Route 175. A memorial service is planned for a later date in Michigan. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Allen's name to the Robert Jeffress Ministry, Pathway to Victory, @ ptv.org. Gary's Funeral Home Inc. in Greenville is in charge of arrangements.

William Narvel McPherson

LEWISBURG - William Narvel McPherson, 84 of Lewisburg passed away Saturday, January 9, 2021 at Creekwood Nursing and Rehabilitation in Russellville. Born March 22, 1936 in Clifty, to the late Alfred and Effie Cisney McPherson, he was a faithful member of the Lewisburg Church of Christ where he served as a deacon and church treasurer for over 40 years. He retired from Rockwell and BTR, where he was known as "Whitey Bill," after 40 years of employment.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Doris Baker McPherson; daughter, Vereba Sue (Richard) Jordan of Rossville Ga.; sister, Sue Nell Jones of Greenville; 3 grandchildren; 8 great



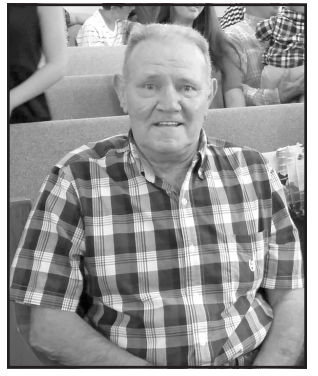
grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Monday, January 11, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at Price Funeral Home, Inc., 252 E Green Street, Lewisburg, KY 42256 with Larry Baker and Pat Keirsteins officiating. Burial followed in the Lewisburg Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the charity of your choice.

Talpa Wayne Kimmel

BROWDER - Talpa Wayne Kimmel 77, of Browder died Friday, January 8, 2021, at his residence. Born August 12, 1943 in Muhlenberg County. He was a retired Coal Miner. He was a member of Forest Oak Missionary Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his son David Wayne Kimmel, great-grandson Theodore Mark Chapman, and nine siblings.

Survivors include his wife Sharon Butler Kimmel; daughters Glenda Nelson, Cara (Mark) Chapman, Vicky Owens; step-daughter Paula (Kevin) Thompson; five grandchildren; two step-grandchildren, and seven great-grand-



children; brother William (Faye) Kimmel, and sister Judy (Ronnie) Curtis.

Graveside services were held Sunday, January 10, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at Forest Oak Cemetery with Rev. Vernon Cook officiating. Burial followed. Online condolences may be made at www.tuckerfuneralhomes.com.

On The Record

DISTRICT COURT

The following fines were recently handed down in Muhlenberg County District Court:

- Laura Ann Day, failure to maintain required insurance/security, \$253
- Barry W. Gary, driving under the influence, first; leaving the scene of an accident/failure to render aid or assistance; fleeing or evading police (on foot), \$, drivers license suspended for 30 days; 30 days in jail
- Taliyah Yahyiazavion Conner, speeding; buy/possess drug paraphernalia; possession of marijuana, \$363
- Joshua E. Phelps, theft by unlawful taking or disp. shoplifting (under \$500), \$413.10, 30 days home incarceration, banned from Wal-Mart
- Brandon Benson, public intoxication of controlled substance (excludes alcohol), \$268
- Allyson N. Rouse, speeding, \$148
- Christopher D. Mayhugh, operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, \$833, drivers license suspended for 6 months
- Chad Vincent, speeding; failure to produce insurance card; possession of marijuana; buy/possess drug paraphernalia; operating motor vehicle under the influence of controlled substance; operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$1168, 7 days in jail, drivers license suspended for 12 months
- Ethan Lane Carver, speeding, \$ 163
- Brian Casey Haire, failure to wear seat belts, \$25
- Gabriel Andrew Harmon, speeding, \$ 177
- Olivia Christine Karm, speeding, \$ 163
- Christopher W. Branson, operating on sus-

- pending/revoked operators license; third degree criminal trespassing, \$438, 10 days in jail
- James Phillip Cokinis, reckless driving; failure to comply with helmet law (under 21); unapproved/no eye protective device (motorcycle); failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security; failure to or improper signal; no/expired registration plates; no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, \$403
- Phillip Hudnall, assault, fourth degree (minor injury); theft by unlawful taking or disp. shoplifting (under \$500), \$248
- Christopher Wade Branson, first degree, first offense, possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine); second degree promoting contraband, \$350, 10 days in jail
- Jeffrey Robert Humphries, cultivate in marijuana (less than 5 plants); possession of marijuana; buy/possess drug paraphernalia, \$613
- Richard Mallory, driving under the influence with aggravator, third offense, \$1,118, drivers license suspended for 36 months; 120 days home incarceration
- Keri Ann Vannerson, defective equipment; no/expired Kentucky registration receipt; no/expired registration plates; improper use of left lane/overtaking vehicle, \$143
- Ashley A. Robertson, failure to use child restraint device in vehicle, \$25
- Darren Higgs, failure to wear seat belts; no/expired Kentucky registration receipts; failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance/security, \$303
- Nicholas Wayne Neal, possession of marijuana,

- \$263
- Jaxon Blake Pentecost, possession of marijuana; buy/possess drug paraphernalia, \$363
- Mike Wayne Wiseman, first degree disorderly conduct, \$363
- John Dylan Insignares, operating on suspended/revoked operators license; buy/possess drug paraphernalia, 10 days in jail
- Melissa Lee McElvain, no/expired registration plates; no/expired other state registration receipt, \$193
- Dillon Wayne Shaw, third degree criminal trespassing; possession of marijuana, \$313
- Jaelyn Simpson, theft by unlawful taking or disp. shoplifting under \$500, \$523, banned from Wal-Mart
- Jaelyn Simpson, failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance, \$708
- Jaelyn Reeann Simpson, license to be in possession; failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security (second or greater offense); third degree possession of controlled substance (drug unspecified), \$1,213, 10 days in jail
- Lauren Elizabeth Stevenson, speeding; failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, second offense, \$163
- Andrew Thomas Toll, defective equipment, \$163
- Jaelyn R. Simpson, first degree, first offense, possession controlled substance (methamphetamine); buy/possess drug paraphernalia, \$488
- Christopher Conway, operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs, third offense, \$1,108, 30 days in jail, drivers license suspended for 18 months
- Tonya L. Payne, theft

- by unlawful taking or disp. shoplifting under \$500, \$468, banned from Wal-Mart
- Victoria Piper, failure to wear seat belts, \$25
- Amanda Dawn Feedback, assault, fourth degree, minor injury, 30 days in jail
- Carlos E. Maddox, third degree criminal mischief, \$262.50
- Adam Strifler, public intoxication of controlled substance, (excludes alcohol), \$318
- Adam Strifler, operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs; failure to notify address change to Department of Transportation, \$893
- Adam Strifler, public intoxication controlled substance (excludes alcohol), \$343
- Adam L. Strifler, public intoxication controlled substance (excludes alcohol), \$293
- Tonya L. Payne, theft by unlawful taking or disp. shoplifting (under \$500), \$468, banned from Wal-Mart
- Victoria Piper, failure to wear seat belts, \$25
- Amanda Dawn Feedback, assault, fourth degree, minor injury, 30 days in jail
- Carlos E. Maddox, third degree criminal mischief, \$262.50
- Adam Strifler, public intoxication controlled substance (excludes alcohol), \$318
- Adam Strifler, operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs, failure to notify address change to the Department of Transportation, \$893, drivers license suspended for 30 days
- Adam Strifler, public intoxication controlled substance (excludes alcohol), \$343
- Adam L. Strifler, public intoxication controlled substance (excludes alcohol); menacing, \$293

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- Church membership
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On The Record

DIVORCES

The following divorce decrees were recently handed down in Muhlenberg County Circuit Court:

- Mary Jane May and Harlan Lee May

- Heather Ladean Carneal and Jonathan Michael Carneal
- Crystal Gail Barefield and Benjamin Jay Barefield
- Teria Lashae Miller and Jordan David Duvall

- Kelly Gene Free and Sabrina Lynn Free
- Dirk Earl English and Heather Renee English
- Brian Anthony Jones and Melissa Ann Jones
- Stacey Lynn Knight and Michael Alan Knight

MARRIAGES

The following marriages were recently recorded in Muhlenberg County:

- Hannah Elisabeth Staples, 22, of Greenville and Stan Michael Walker, Jr., 21, of Greenville

- Gloria Bell Stamps, 79, of Greenville and John M. Laster, 82, of Greenville
- Lauren Nicole Brown, 27, of Central City and Corey Douglas Cook, 31, of Central City
- Tara Beth Lile, 25, of Greenville and Andrew

- Tutor Fauver, 33, of Greenville
- Holly Noel Smith, 25, of Greenville and Alan Eugene Rolley, 35, of Beech Creek
- Patricia Ann Vanhook, 50, of Central City and William Ernest Knight, 38, of Central City

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property transfers were recently recorded in Muhlenberg County:

- Michael Lynn Bryant property to Jennifer Nicole Campbell
- Abby Property Mgt. Inc. property to Jason Lee Burdette
- Laurin Stan Campbell property to Caleb Spencer Campbell
- Barry Hardison property to Hardy D. Hoffmann and Dorothy K. Smith
- Farmers Bank and Trust Co. property to Louise Main and William Collings
- Clarence Greenwood, Jr. and Mary L. Greenwood property to Jarrod B. Gardner and Mitzi N. Gardner
- Dennis Laycock and Judy Laycock property to Tyler C. Avery and Ashley Avery
- Larry A. Bryan and Deanna Bell Bryan property to Nicholas A. Tooley
- Duane Hayden and Julie Hayden property to Douglas Cary Hayden
- Douglas Gary Hayden property to Nick Naumen and Marsha Naumen
- Brown & Geibel, LLC property to Jon F. Geibel
- Sandra K. Lewis and Charlotte Lewis Estate property to Hendricks Properties LLC
- Christopher J. Hollman and Chelsea E. Hollman property to Christopher J. Hollman
- Joanna Tooley McDonald property to Geroni Porter and Rock Landon McDonald
- Joanna Tooley McDonald property to Skylar Mason Porter and Catherine Ashley Porter
- Joanna Tooley McDonald property to Geroni Porter and Jason Seth Porter
- Joanna Tooley McDonald property to Rock Landon McDonald

- and Tammy Lois McDonald
- Joanna Tooley McDonald property to Remington Logan Porter
- Joetta Dempsey property to James O. Sitz and Sherry Sitz
- Kimberly Rene Stewart, Gary Ray Lile and Shannon M. Lile property to David Theodore Jessup, Jr., Sonja Gale Jessup and Alexis P. Jessup
- Robert L. Gardner and Shirley Gardner property to John Waddell
- Charles R. Kelley and Dorothy M. Kelley property to Jennifer Miller
- Eric W. Eaves and Ashley B. Eaves property to Benjamin C. Geary and Jordan F. Geary
- Thomas M. Young and Elizabeth S. Young property to City of Central City
- Bluegrass Collateral Services Inc. property to City of Central City
- Rhonda Norris, Eddie Norris, Randal Cyril Lusader, Jr., Kevin Wayne Lusader, Kristina Lusader Gleason and Michael Gleason property to Henry Paul Vincent and Julie Debortoli
- William T. Davis and Debra K. Davis property to Troy A. Dock and Amanda Dock
- Jeremy W. Smith and Krystal Smith property to Gerald Wayne Smith and Sherra A. Smith
- Danny Knight and Melody Knight property to Teresa S. Duncan
- Lester Smith and Donna Smith property to James Travis Milligan
- Francis Gregory and Glenda Sue Gregory property to Scott Layne and Amy Layne
- Billy Ray Arnett and Patsy J. Arnett property to Green River Assets LLC
- Jean P. Cox property to 4 Seasons Properties

- LLC
- Robert B. Johnson and Robert Johnson property to Jennifer Lynn Johnson
- William Scott Peveler and Ladonna Kay Peveler property to Alex B. Taylor
- Jane C. Parker property to Paden D. Hadley
- Richard J. Combs, Shellie Combs, Mark A. Combs and Annie Combs property to Michael A. Hager
- Johnson Family Properties LLC property to Dana Micheal Taylor
- Kelley Renee Arnett and Timothy Arnett property to Douglas L. Groves and Melissa S. Groves
- James E. Price and Janet M. Price property to Dustin L. Peveler and Carrie L. Peveler
- The Willa Dean Neal Family Irrevocable Trust property to Dennis Mathew Neal
- Dennis Mathew Neal and Christine Marie Neal property to Melissa Moore
- Eugene D. Lockyear and Shayron P. Lockyear property to Timothy Ray Southerland and Amanda L. Southerland
- Stevie L. Vincent and Donna K. Vincent property to Tara V. Whitmer and Jason Whitmer
- Danny Joe Jones property to Alesha Lockett
- William Greenwood and Leslie Lawton Greenwood property to Dallas Miller and Dianne Miller
- William Wyatt Oates and Sharon Kay Oates property to Matthew Wyatt Oates and Jamie Elizabeth Oates
- Ruby M. Tarrance property to Stephen B. Tarrance
- Donna Joy Welborn property to Tracie L. Neal
- Betty Darlene Scarbro property to Parker

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- Thomas Patrick Revo and Maria Revo property to Darby Joel Moore and Brooklyn Rashae Kaye Moore
- Rhiannon R. Pointer and Jesse R. Pointer property to Joseph W. Barks and Tammy S. Barks
- BFM LLC property to Linda D. Bayley Dynasty Trust, Mark F. Bayley Dynasty Trust, Charles L. Martin Family LLC and P. Fulkerson LLC
- Billie Joyce McPherson Estate, Ricky T. McPherson, Sonya McPherson, Vickie J. Wolfe, Robin W. Wolfe, Terry McPherson and Angela M. McPherson property to Terry McPherson and Angela M. McPherson
- R & S Housing Inc., Leland D. Revelette and Helen P. Revelette property to Willow Creek Community MHP LLC
- R & S Housing Inc., Leland D. Revelette and Helen P. Revelette property to Willow Creek Community MHP LLC
- Road Builders LLC property to Christopher J. Hobppgood
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Cold-shooting costs Racers at SIUE

EDWARDSVILLE, IL - The Murray State women's basketball team entered Saturday's (Jan. 9) game against SIUE shooting 46.4-percent from the floor on the season. However, the Racers could not find consistent scoring against the Cougars and shot 27.9-percent en route to a 64-57 loss at the First Community Arena in Edwardsville.

Murray State started strong in the game and led 15-12 after the first. In the second and third however, the Racers went

cold and were outscored 38-23. Murray State did outscore the Cougars, 19-14 in the fourth, but a near eight-minute field goal drought to end the game put an end to any comeback attempt by the Racers, as they fell by seven.

The one bright spot offensively for the Racers was another excellent performance at the free throw line, where they went 21-for-23 on the day. Over the past two games, MSU has been impressive at the charity stripe shooting a com-

bined 41-for-47, for an impressive 87.2 percent.

Macey Turley led Murray State for the second consecutive game, this time with 18 points, while Katelyn Young followed with 13. Laci Hawthorne also had a solid day as she had team-highs of 12 rebounds and three assists to go along with six points, two blocks and a steal.

Former Muhlenberg County all-region Raegan Blackburn was 0-for-2 from the field with an assist in four minutes of action for MSU.

KHSAA adds FIFA, Madden to E-Sports offerings

FRANKFORT - The Kentucky High School Athletic Association announced on Thursday (Jan. 7), in partnership with PlayVS, an expansion of its recognized varsity title offerings to include FIFA 21 and Madden NFL 21 for the upcoming Spring 2021 esports season. These latest additions bring the number of sanctioned games to five, joining the KHSAA's previous offerings of League of Legends, Rocket League and SMITE. Amid continued COVID-19 concerns, and with traditional sports reworking their infrastructure, the value of esports is evident now more than ever as it provides high school students a safe extracurricular environment in which to compete.

Two of the most popular sports titles in the world, FIFA and Madden feature real professional football and soccer players on their actual professional teams. EA's long-running sport simulation franchises represent all of the excitement gamers know and puts them in the center of the action.

"We are excited to expand our esports offerings to include more opportunities for student-athletes to participate," said KHSAA Commissioner Julian Tackett. "Our membership has been quick to accept esports as our most recent sanctioned sport-activity, and we look forward to seeing its participation contin-

ue to grow."

How PlayVS' FIFA & Madden Leagues will work:

High school FIFA and Madden teams will compete in PlayVS High School leagues for KHSAA-sanctioned varsity competition;

Teams will be made up of three players. Teams will play three 1v1 matches, and whoever wins the best-of-three series will be declared the winner;

Schools can register an unlimited number of teams;

Top teams at the end of the season will advance to playoffs and compete for a KHSAA championship;

The spring regular season starts the week of March 1 with FIFA matches played weekly on Tuesdays and Madden matches on Thursdays;

High Schools can now sign up and register teams at PlayVS.com.

"The NFHS Network is proud to support the addition of FIFA and Madden to the high school esports gaming portfolio," said Mark Koski, NFHS Network Vice President. "These are incredibly popular game titles among students — as our first sports titles — we will now offer a new kind of competition to our players and expand the appeal of our platform to a larger audience. We can't wait to recognize the first-ever FIFA and Madden high school state champions across the country."

Esports, in nature, al-

lows players to compete in a hybrid of settings — from a computer lab, in-person at school or from a gaming console or PC/laptop at home — which will allow for optimal participation heading into an uncertain school year this fall. With PlayVS, the KHSAA has been able to afford students even more opportunities to safely compete and hone their skills in STEM and team collaboration during the current COVID-19 crisis.

To meet the needs of communities, schools, and students, teams are allowed to compete remotely in order to maintain social distancing while still enjoying the camaraderie, competition, and social connections esports provides. This cost-effective offering also helps schools push students to continue to achieve excellence, while they may not be back in school full-time, through GPA and attendance requirements, scholarship opportunities and more.

The KHSAA strives to give every kind of student the opportunity to be involved in an extracurricular activity by bringing esports programs to high schools, encouraging students' participation regardless of gender, physical ability or socioeconomic status. Many higher education institutions already compete in esports, with more than 200 colleges and universities offering nearly \$10M in scholarship opportunities.

it teaches. As is any man his age, he was guarded in his emotions; after all, this new adventure may not be "cool."

And if anything needs to remain intact, it is a young man's "coolness." (I was the same way) Not only had he not been exposed to the outdoors in this way, but he grew up without the presence of his father in his life, who might otherwise have done some of these outdoor things with him. We had already taken a few fishing trips together and I had witnessed a wonderful disarmament of his carefully guarded disposition.

This surrender did not come about from anything I said, but from the relentless prodding of one bluegill after another on the end of his rod. I knew our deer hunting trip would continue to break down this façade until what would be left would be someone who was real and satisfied being just

that.

Sure enough, my heart began to beat furiously when that small buck showed itself. I knew my student's heart would be pounding as well. This was what I was counting on. After he shot and the buck hit the ground, I saw it. It was unmistakable. It was why I came. It was his uncontrollable and irrepressible smile. And it was far more attractive than anything made up.

This was real and it was met with my own uncontainable emotions. I threw up a big grin, jumped on him, and wallowed him to the ground in excitement. We did it! We did it! We did what thousands of leaders, theologians, politicians, lawyers, and educators could not do. We tore down the walls of generational, political, racial, and sociological differences. And we did it with a deer hunt.

Gary Miller
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LEGAL NOTICES

Liquor Stop, Inc., 501 E. Everly Bros. Blvd., Central City, KY 42330, hereby declares intention(s) to apply for a Quota Retail Package, sampling license(s) no later than February 4th, 2021. The business to be licensed will be located at 700 N. Main St., Greenville, KY 42345, doing business as Liquor Stop 5.

The (owner(s); Principal Officers and Directors; Limited Partners; or Members) are as follows: President, Raymond C. Ellison of 206 Broad St., Central City, KY 42330;

Vice president, Raymond L. Ellison of 806 Lakeview Dr., Central City, KY 42330;

Assistant vice president, Shannon Ellison of 806 Lakeview Dr., Central City, KY 42330;

Secretary/treasurer, Brenda Ellison of 206 Broad St., Central City, KY 42330.

Any person association, corporation, or body politic may protest the granting of the license(s) by writing the Dept. of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 500 Mero Street, 2NE33, Frankfort, KY 40601, within 30 days (KRS 243.430) of the date of this legal publication. 1-12pd

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Muhlenberg County Fiscal Court will receive sealed bids on two (2) 2021 AWD Charger Police Cruisers for the use of the Muhlenberg County Sheriff's Department. Specifications may be obtained from the Muhlenberg County Judge Executive's Office located in the Muhlenberg County Courthouse, 100 South Main Street, P.O. Box 137, Greenville, KY 42345 (270) 338-2520.

Sealed bids should be delivered or sent to the above office by 2 p.m. on January 26, 2021. Bids will be opened at the Muhlenberg Coun-

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ty Fiscal Court meeting on January 28, 2021 at 4 p.m. on the second floor of the Muhlenberg County Courthouse.

The Fiscal Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any irregularities. Bids must be hand delivered or mailed and received prior to due date indicated and must be sealed. 1-19c

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The following Estates have been Probated and Fiduciary appointments made in the Muhlenberg District Court. Creditors are notified that all claims against said estates must be filed within six (6) months from the date of appointment.

On January 7, 2021, the estate of Eva K. Belcher Mefford, 400 Belcher Lane, Dunmor, Kentucky 42339 to Gayla Luckett, Co-Executrix, 196 Belcher Lane, Dunmor, Kentucky 42339 and Debbie English, Co-Executrix, 8543 U.S. Hwy. 431 South, Dunmor, Kentucky 42339. Attorney representing estate: Brent Yonts, P.O. Box 370, Greenville, Kentucky 42345.

On January 7, 2021, the estate of James H. Jernigan, 2447 Friendship Road, Greenville, Kentucky 42345 to Robbi Machele Hill, Executrix, 2637 Friendship Road, Greenville, Kentucky 42345. Attorney representing estate: Beau Sparks, P.O. Box 569, Greenville, Kentucky 42345.

On January 7, 2021, the estate of Ora Kathryn Russell, 110 Tanglewood Drive, Central City, Kentucky 42330 to Darris Russell, Executor, 815 Cherry Street, Central City, Kentucky 42330. Attorney representing estate: None.

On January 7, 2021, the estate of Sarah Louise Vannover, 4570 Main Street, Bremen, Kentucky 42325 to Shirley Covington, Executrix, 1893 Graham

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Cypress Road, Greenville, Kentucky 42345. Attorney representing estate: Jonathan King, 213 East Broad Street, Central City, Kentucky 42330. 1-12c

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Thomas Wade Walters, 111 Walters Ridge West, Greenville, Kentucky 42345, hereby declares his intention to apply for a Quota Retail Package Liquor License in the City of Greenville, Kentucky. The name and address of the applicant is Thomas Wade Walters, 111 Walters Ridge West, Greenville, Kentucky 42345.

The location of the premises for which the license is sought is 724 Opportunity Way, Greenville, Kentucky 42345. The type of business for which the license is sought is Retail Package Liquor Store and the type of license being requested is Quota Retail Package Liquor License in the City of Greenville, Kentucky.

The application will be filed on or before February 4, 2021. Any person may protest the approval of the license by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control at 500 Mero Street, 2NE33, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, within thirty (30) days of the date of legal publication.

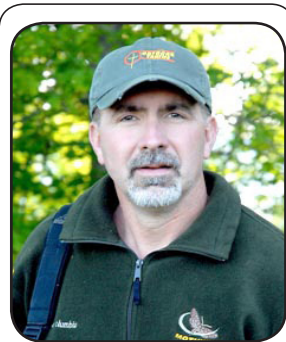
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 405 KAR 8:010, Section 16(5), the following is a summary of permitting decisions made by the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Permits with respect to applications to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations in Muhlenberg County.

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Outdoor Truths
by Gary Miller

As many of you know, sometimes it is more fun to take someone hunting than it is to go yourself. This is especially true when it comes to your own children. But that's not the only time. I remember the day I took a young black man on his first deer hunting trip. I will call him a man even though I was old enough to be his dad. This young man had not grown up in a hunting or fishing family and was never exposed to this wonderful sport and to what lessons



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Boy fascinated with villains

Focus on the Family

Jim Daly is president of Focus on the Family, host of the Focus on the Family radio program, and a husband and father of two. Submit your questions to: FocusOnTheFamily.com



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Q: My 3-year-old is fascinated with evil characters. Whenever he plays make-believe, he always takes on the role of the villain; the only action figures he wants are the "bad guys." We've made big changes to our movie and TV viewing habits, but nothing has changed. How should we address this?

Jim: I don't think there's reason to be overly concerned -- yet -- about your three-year-

old's interest in villains. Many young kids are fascinated with "bad guys." If your son is like most, this phase will eventually pass.

In fact, making a big deal out of the issue would actually delay the process of getting past it. Your son could be thriving on the negative attention he's getting by focusing on this issue. Kids will do almost anything for attention -- positive or negative -- especially

if they're feeling neglected. The best approach is to ignore this villain business and concentrate on affirming your boy for interests that are more positive.

That said, a word of caution: If your son is mimicking the behavior of the evil characters and acting out in inappropriate ways, you'll need to nip that in the bud. Don't allow him to become aggressive or hurtful in his interactions with you, his siblings or other children.

Meanwhile, remember that you can use fictional children's characters to teach your child about virtuous character traits. Contrast between the "good guys" and the "bad guys." For example, you can ask your son, "Which character is more honest?" Then discuss the consequences of dishonesty. In the same way, you could ask, "Who is more

helpful to other people?" This way you can direct the conversation into channels affirming positive virtues and actions.

Our counseling team would be happy to help if you'd like to unpack these thoughts in greater detail; call 855-771-HELP (4357).

Q: I married my husband basically for pragmatic reasons -- as a single mom at the time, I thought he'd be a great father to my child. Now I realize that I never really had romantic feelings for him. Is there hope for our relationship?

Dr. Greg Smalley, Vice President, Marriage & Family Formation: The short answer to your question is yes: You can learn to love your husband with the kind of love that really lasts.

I say this for two reasons. First, in cultures

where marriages are arranged, couples often learn to love one another deeply although their relationships weren't originally based on romantic feelings. Real love isn't primarily a matter of the emotions -- it's an act of the will. Feelings generally follow in the wake of intentional, deliberate actions; they grow out of commitment, perseverance and hard work.

The second reason gives me even more reason for hope. You apparently WANT to fall in love with your husband -- otherwise, you wouldn't have asked the question in the first place. So you've already taken an important step in the right direction.

Continue making progress by asking yourself what attracted you to your husband at the beginning of your relationship. The two of you

felt an emotional connection at some level, even if it was only because of the kindness he displayed toward your child. Something about this man led you to believe life with him would be better than life without him. That spark may have diminished over time, but it can still be found and fanned into flame if you're willing to put forth the effort. You just have to take the time to dig down beneath the ashes.

Yes, it will take work -- but it's worth it. As Jim noted above, our counselors would be honored to help you start. I wish you the best.

Jim Daly is a husband and father; an author; and president of Focus on the Family and host of the Focus on the Family radio program. Catch up with him at www.jimdalyblog.com or at www.facebook.com/DalyFocus.



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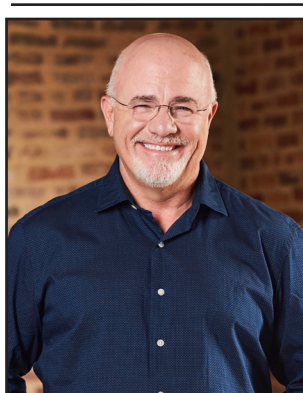
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DAVE SAYS
Money Advice
by Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

I really don't have any established credit, because I've never taken out a loan or had a credit card. What will happen when I'm ready to get a mortgage loan and buy a home?

Jillian

Dear Jillian,

There are basically two ways to be in a position to get a home loan. One is to have credit at lots of places and a huge FICO score. This is kind of dumb when you really think about it, but it will get you a home loan almost instantly.

When you have no credit, a lender has to do what's called a manual underwriting. It's something lots of banks did back in the day, when they actually used common sense when it came to making loans.

Fortunately, a few places will still work with you in this manner. They take a look at your

work history to see if you have a stable job and a good income. They want proof you pay your bills on time, too. This can be as simple as showing them several utility bills, rent statements, and other receipts. They're basically looking for a long history of proof that you honor your financial commitments.

Remember, buying a house with cash is always the best way to own a home. But I don't beat people up over having a mortgage, as long as it's on a 15-year, fixed rate note. Do your very best to save up for a down payment of at least 20 percent, too. That way, you'll avoid

the added expense of PMI (private mortgage insurance).

Great question, Jillian! Dave

Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Dave Ramsey Show, heard by more than 16 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.

Gloria Puzzles Over the New Year

THE AMISH COOK
BY GLORIA YODER

After having a week off, I'm ready to get in touch with you all again. Why not have a seat in my kitchen and join me as we chat over steaming hot chocolate? These days I keep thinking of life and jigsaw puzzles. You know how you keep straining your eyes, positive that there must be a missing piece somewhere till finally it just falls in place, and you wonder why it had been so hard to find.

As a busy mom with six little ones, I don't have the extra hours to dawdle over puzzles, but I do enjoy teaching my little ones the skill of putting them together. Somehow it reminds me a lot of real life. The reality that one day the puzzle will really be complete and the picture will be beautiful keeps drifting to the back of my mind. My puzzle pieces come in so many different shapes. It may be a fussy infant who can't talk, tell me what's wrong, or the question of why the adoption still hasn't gone through or why my dear friend needs to be battling cancer. The missing pieces leave gaping holes. What could ever fit in there? Why did some of these stark negatives ever transpire, anyway?

Then somehow, as I resign from my endeavors to figure it all out, and I leave it up to the Lord

who designed the puzzle, the pieces begin to fall into place with hardly an effort on my part. The once stark negatives fade away as another corner of the masterpiece is being revealed. No longer are there pieces hopelessly strewn all over; now, every missing piece somehow gets replaced with more beautiful strokes as the painting is being revealed.

For me, there have been times when years pass by, and still, it just didn't all make sense so why things need to be the way they are. But then, as I give the Master Puzzle designer all of the pieces, he once more begins placing pieces where I never thought possible, and the scene continues to unfold before my eyes.

When I was a teenager, my brothers and I would spend hours over puzzles; we began something new to help spur us on toward our goal. Each time we placed a piece, we'd have a triumphant, "Beep, beep!" Maybe, just maybe, if we'd share more freely with others about pieces in our lives that are coming together, we'd be encouraged along with those who have the opportunity of listening. It may be as simple as a little prayer being answered to find a missing sock or asking God what to make for supper. A friend recently shared with me how she often asks God what to make for supper; she tes-

tified how, without fail, an idea will pop in her head in time to feed her family dinner.

Not only do our little children enjoy actual puzzles, but there are also times my faith is put to shame by the simplicity of their faith. I love listening to them as they tell God that they need help with 'the puzzle of life,' which may be as simple as a lost toy. As they share it with Daddy, their joy of the answer to prayer is multiplied.

My friend, Lucy, and her family have been shining lights in this aspect. This fall, when Lucy was diagnosed with thyroid cancer, we were all devastated. Now, as I look at Lucy's life, I see serenity and joy. That puzzle piece really looked ugly. "Why?" we asked. She's such a young girl- only 29! Without Jesus in her life, there would only be broken pieces, too jagged to fit anywhere; and now the Master Designer is weaving a picture in her life that is beautiful to behold.

Lucy, along with her family, is doing a fund-raiser to help pay her medical expenses. They are taking orders for anyone who wants a fresh homemade pie. So far, they have made close to 200 pies.

We have enjoyed every bit of every pie we got from them. They are undeniably good cooks and bakers. The children's favorite is peach,

while Daniel and I opt for pecan blackberry.

One day when they had 65 pies to make, I had the opportunity to help with them for a while. I thoroughly enjoyed my time at their house, and I returned home with a renewed zeal to keep on keeping on.

So, my friend, take your hand, let's journey together, someday it will have been worth it all. Take only a step at a time; Jesus will be there to meet you and fit the broken pieces together!

Now that our cup of hot chocolate has been emptied, I'll be waiting to be in touch next week!

Maple Marshmallow Hot Chocolate

1/4 cup sugar
1 tablespoon cocoa powder
1/8 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup hot water
1 tablespoon butter
4 cups milk
1 teaspoon maple flavoring
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
12 large marshmallows, divided
In a large saucepan, combine sugar, cocoa, and salt. Stir in hot water, add butter, bring to a boil. Add milk, maple flavoring, vanilla, and 8 marshmallows. Heat stirring occasionally, till marshmallows are melted.
Ladle into mugs and top each with a marshmallow.
Yield: 4 servings.



KENTUCKY FARM NEWS

What's Wrong With My Taxus?

Cheryl A. Kaiser and Nicole A. Ward Gauthier, Plant Pathology, Lee H. Townsend, Entomology, and Richard E. Durham, Horticulture

Taxus (yew) is an evergreen shrub commonly found in Kentucky landscapes. Numerous conditions can cause these shrubs to exhibit yellowing and browning symptoms. While diseases and insect pests can result in damage, Taxus troubles are often the result of adverse growing conditions. Pinpointing the specific cause requires a thorough examination of the affected shrub, an investigation of the surrounding area, and knowledge of possible stress factors.

The following questions and supplementary information are meant to assist homeowners and consultants in determining the cause of Taxus decline. Answering “yes” to one or more of these questions should suggest a possible cause to the shrub’s troubles.

The Affected Shrub

Are there any apparent wounds or broken branches?

Examine the shrub for evidence of wounds due to physical injury. Types of injuries include:

- Bark torn or cut away from twigs, branches, or trunks
- Partially broken branches
- Nursery tag wires or strings that were not removed

Bark torn from as little as one-third the circumference of a branch may cause the branch to die from the wound upward to the growing tip. Similarly, broken branches and nursery tags that restrict growth can result in yellowing of needles. Death of affected branches may eventually occur, although damage may not be evident until the following summer.

Recommendations:

- Prune dead and broken branches.
- Fertilize in late autumn.

Are there any cankers?

Look for dead, sunken areas on twigs and branches that show yellowing and dieback. Several fungi (e.g. Pestalotia, Phyllostictina, Physalospora, and Sphaeropsis) can cause cankers that girdle branches.

Recommendation:

- Prune dead and broken branches.
 - Destroy branches that have cankers.
- Do needles appear to have been chewed? The black vine weevil chews semi-circular holes or notches along the edges of Taxus needles. Weevil feeding on leaves is not a significant problem in Kentucky; however, the legless grub-like larvae

may feed on roots. Root injury can cause needles to turn yellow, and portions of the shrub may die. Continued damage can lead to the death of the entire shrub. Black vine weevils can be accidental invaders in homes in autumn, another indication of an infestation.

Recommendation:

- Foliar sprays in May and June will kill black vine weevils and ultimately may help to reduce root damage by larvae.
- Some insecticides are labeled for drench application around the base of Taxus to kill larvae in the soil from late summer through early autumn.
- Contact your county Extension office for current information on management of the black vine weevil.

Do buds fail to grow in the spring?

Occasionally, Taxus bud mites can damage or kill buds. Needles and shoots may also become distorted. These mites are small, so proper identification can be difficult.

Recommendation:

- Applications of a mite-control product in May and again in mid- to late June may provide some control.

Are needles covered with a sooty black deposit?

Sooty molds are black-colored fungi that develop on the sticky secretions (honeydew) left by certain sucking insects. The sooty mold fungus is not pathogenic, but its growth shades needles and may reduce photosynthesis. Infestations of sap-feeding insects will result in yellowed, unthrifty foliage, poor growth, and may cause branch or plant death.

Insects that can leave honeydew deposits include:

- Cottony Taxus scale—usually found on underside of needles; crawlers are active in June
- Fletcher scale—a stationary hemispherical brown insect about the size of half a BB shot; crawlers are active in mid-June
- Taxus mealybug—tends to be found in clusters in branch forks and along stems and branches; there are several generations of this insect each year.

Recommendations:

- Sap-feeding insects often thrive on stressed plants. Follow a good fertility and watering regime to promote plant health. Do not over-

fertilize.

- Remove heavily infested branches.
- Protect new growth with insecticide sprays applied to the crawler or nymphal stages of the insects.

Is only the interior foliage affected?

Browning of interior needles (older growth) while tips (new growth) remain green may be due to a couple of issues. In late summer or early autumn, all three- to five-year-old needles may suddenly turn yellow throughout interiors of shrubs. Needles remain on shrubs for several weeks before they fall. This is normal needle senescence (drop) and should not cause concern.

Browning and death of one-year-old or older foliage may also be due to winter injury. Symptoms become evident on older needles in spring, while new growth is unaffected. This condition occurs during windy days in winter when the ground is frozen. Because moisture cannot be replenished rapidly enough, needles become dry. Damage may occur mainly on portions of shrubs exposed to prevailing winds.

Recommendations:

- Avoid planting Taxus on sites that are exposed to drying winter winds.
- Water as needed until the ground freezes.

Is the browning confined to the tips of individual branches?

Browning on tips of individual branches can occur when tender new growth is “nipped” by a late spring frost. Damage will be evident shortly after the frost event. Plants usually recover from this problem.

Has the shrub been transplanted recently?

Newly planted trees and shrubs become stressed as a result of being moved from one environment (production site) to another (landscape). Shrubs that die a year or two after transplanting may have succumbed to transplant shock. Following transplanting procedures outlined in the publication, Transplanting Trees and Shrubs (ID-80), can help minimize this stress.

Recommendations:

- Purchase plants from a reputable landscape business.
- Do not place the plant any deeper in the soil than its original growing depth in the nursery. Check the color of the bark to know this depth.
- Irrigate shrubs not receiving 1 inch to 2

inches of rainfall per week. Shrubs should be watered at least until they become well established (about two to three years).

The Growing Site Does the soil remain wet for long periods? Does water from a downspout flow near the shrub?

Taxus is sensitive to excessive soil moisture; affected plants wilt, yellow, and turn brown over a period of several months. Brown, dead roots will be present in the lower portion of the root ball, while a few white living roots may be evident nearest to the soil surface. Bark decays and readily sloughs off deeper roots. This condition, known as “wet feet,” can result from any of the following situations:

- Poorly drained soils
 - Planted in a low area
 - Planted near a downspout in which water drains into the root zone
 - Overwatering
- Excessive soil moisture also can provide conditions favoring root decay pathogens, which further damage Taxus roots. One such disease is Phytophthora root rot. Foliar symptoms may not be evident until the following summer when temperatures begin to rise and root mass is not sufficient enough to sustain plants.

Recommendations:

- Avoid planting Taxus in poorly drained soils.
- Amend clay soils with organic matter to help improve drainage prior to planting.
- Raise beds at least 8 inches.
- French drains may be installed to divert excess water.
- Redirect downspouts or use extenders so rainwater does not drain into the plant’s root zone.

Are there acid-loving plants growing nearby?

Taxus grows best at a soil pH in the range of 6.0 to 6.5. Plants that prefer an acid soil pH (e.g. 4.5 to 5.5) are considered “acid-loving.” Problems occur when Taxus is planted near acid-loving ornamentals, such as andromeda, azalea, laurel, and rhododendron. Fertilizers prepared specifically for this group of plants tend to make the soil more acidic. This may cause nearby Taxus shrubs to turn yellow and die over a period of several months.

Recommendations:

- Avoid planting Taxus in the same plant bed as acid-loving ornamentals.
- Soil should be tested

every two to three years to determine whether pH is in the correct range. Contact your local Extension office for information on proper collection of soil for analysis.

- Adjust soil pH, if necessary, per soil-test result recommendations.

Has the shrub been stressed during dry periods?

Prolonged drought can result in symptoms similar to those caused by excess water (wet feet). During dry weather, clay soils may pull away from roots, causing fine fibrous roots to dry out and die. Drought stress can also occur where soils dry rapidly or where roots are located near the soil surface. The use of landscape fabric around woody trees and shrubs encourages shallow rooting that makes plants more susceptible to drought conditions.

Recommendation:

- Provide sufficient water as needed throughout the growing season, until the ground freezes.
- Avoid using landscape fabric around woody trees and shrubs. Instead, apply a 1- to 2-inch layer of organic mulch, such as bark or hardwood chips.

Other Possible Stresses

Has there been any construction or digging activity nearby?

Construction activities, including digging holes or ditches, within several feet of the shrub may damage roots that supply water and nutrients to plants. Construction may also compact soil around plants, which may interfere with the ability of the soil to supply needed water and oxygen to root systems. Injured plants yellow, wilt, and can eventually die. Tunnels dug through root zones by chipmunks or moles may also damage roots sufficiently to cause decline.

Recommendations:

- Avoid disturbing soil around the root zone of plants.
- Protect soil from compaction by excluding heavy equipment and excess traffic. Foot traffic (humans or pets) also compacts soils.

Have herbicides been used nearby?

The use of lawn weed killers (herbicides) can have a detrimental effect on nearby shrubs when chemicals drift on windy days or when granular herbicides move into root zones through runoff. Plants that come into contact

with herbicides may take up active ingredients through leaves or roots. Symptoms caused by exposure to growth regulator herbicides (e.g. 2,4-D or Dicamba) include twisting, distortion, or downward curling of needles.

Recommendations:

- Do not apply herbicides on windy days or where they could be absorbed by Taxus roots.
- Some lawn fertilizers also contain herbicides; check labels before applying near Taxus or other landscape plants. Have de-icing salts been used nearby? De-icing salts applied to sidewalks and streets during winter can injure Taxus when products wash into the ground. Symptoms may not be apparent until plant growth begins in spring. Browning of needles is usually most evident on sides of the shrubs nearest to salt applications.

Recommendations:

- Water soil for several hours to leach out accumulated salts.
- As an alternative to salt, use sand to increase traction on sidewalks near Taxus.
- Plant-safe commercial de-icing substitutes are available. Read labels before use.

Do dogs frequently urinate on the affected shrub?

Yellow or brown areas confined to the lower branches of Taxus may be due to dog urine injury. Damage generally occurs in a single area at base of shrubs.

Has soil been added as a fill around the shrub?

The addition of soil on top of the ground prevents roots from receiving adequate supplies of oxygen. As little as 2 inches of soil added on top of root systems may be detrimental to the health of shrubs. However, a 1- to 2-inch layer of mulch is not harmful and may provide beneficial effects to the plant while adding perceived depth to the soil.

Additional Resources

Planting Balled and Burlapped Trees and Shrubs in Your Landscape, ID 91 (University of Kentucky): <http://www.ca.uky.edu/agc/pubs/ho/ho91/ho91.pdf>.

Taxus Scales, ENTFACT-434 (University of Kentucky): <http://www.ca.uky.edu/entomology/entfacts/ef434.asp>.

Transplanting Trees and Shrubs, ID-80 (University of Kentucky): <http://www.ca.uky.edu/agc/pubs/id/id80/id80.htm>.

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Psalm 5

Give ear to my words, O Lord, consider my meditation. Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God: for unto thee will I pray. My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up. For thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness: neither shall evil dwell with thee. The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity. Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing: the Lord will abhor the bloody and deceitful man. But as for me, I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercy: and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple. Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make thy way straight before my face. For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; their inward

part is very wickedness; their throat is an open sepulchre; they flatter with their tongue. Destroy thou them, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions; for they have rebelled against thee. But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee. For thou, Lord, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as with a shield.

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MLK Day virtual celebration online event January 18, 2021 from 6 to 7 p.m. Zoom log-in informational meeting: ID 97019184603

Judge J. Christopher McNeill was sworn in during a combined in-person/on-line ceremony



Court of Appeals Judge J. Christopher McNeill, after being elected in November, was officially sworn into office on Dec. 18 by Kentucky Supreme Court Justice Shea Nickell. The proceeding was held in Nickell's Paducah office and via Zoom.

McNeill has served the First Appellate District, Division 1 since April 2020, when a bipartisan commission recommended him to the Governor for appointment to succeed Nickell, who was elected to the Supreme Court in 2019. McNeill will fill that seat's unexpired term through 2022.

"It's an honor to have been elected by people across a 24-county district," McNeill said. "And, I promise to do my level best for every citizen in the district."

The First Appellate District, Division 1 is composed of the Commonwealth's 24 westernmost counties: Allen, Ballard, Butler, Caldwell, Calloway, Carlisle, Christian, Crittenden, Edmonson, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Hopkins, Livingston, Logan, Lyon, Marshall, McCracken, McLean, Muhlenberg, Simpson, Todd, Trigg, and Webster.

Fourteen judges, two elected from seven appellate court districts, serve on the Court of Appeals. The judges are divided into panels of three to review and decide cases, with the majority determining the decision. The panels do not sit permanently in one location but travel throughout the state to hear cases.

Kentucky rising juniors have chance to win \$500 scholarship

A rising junior at one of Kentucky's public or private high schools will win a \$500 scholarship and a photo shoot at their school through the "Promote Your School" scholarship contest, sponsored by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority.

"The 'Promote Your School' scholarship contest gives students an opportunity to inspire others and showcase the true value of education in their community," Gov. Andy Beshear said. "In addition to receiving scholarship money, the winner will also get to see themselves and their classmates featured in KHEAA publications that are distributed to all the high schools across in the commonwealth." A school must partic-

ipate in the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) program for one of its students to be eligible to enter. To be considered for the scholarship, students must submit an essay addressing one of these subjects: "How I will inspire others to do better" and "How education makes a community stronger."

The essay must be no more than 200 words in length and cannot mention the student's name, school, county or community. The essay should not identify the student by race, gender, religion or other manner. Essays in excess of 200 words or ones that include identifying information will be disqualified.

The essay topic must be clearly indicated at the top of the page. The student's

name, address and high school must be listed at the bottom of the essay. The student must be a high school junior during the 2021-2022 school year. For contest details, visit kheaa.com/website/contest/intro.

Photos from the winning school will be used in KHEAA publications and on KHEAA websites.

To enter, mail your essay to KHEAA Publications, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602. You may also email your essay to publications@kheaa.com. The winner will be chosen by a committee of KHEAA employees. The deadline for submissions is May 31, 2021. The scholarship funds will be sent to the winner's school when he or she enters college as a freshman.

Women Leading Kentucky's Power Hour Leadership Series begins

Women Leading Kentucky's Power Hour Leadership Series begins its winter events on Thursday, January 14 at 3pm eastern. The theme of the event is "The Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King: Where Do We Go From Here".

The Power Hour will consist of a panel discussion with Ashley Smith, COO of Black Soil and Co-chair of Lexington's MLK Day Celebration and Joan Brannon, actor, author and documentary film-

maker. The panel will be moderated by KET's Renee Shaw. A trailer of Joan Brannon's new documentary about Dr. King entitled "Fire & Heart: A Blueprint for Liberation" will be featured.

Executive Director, Carol Siler stated: "We are thrilled to host this important discussion, Women Leading Kentucky is dedicated to hosting conversations that teach us how to lead with more clarity. Join us with an open

heart and be inspired." The Power Hour is presented by Community Trust Bank and participants can connect via Zoom.

Women Leading Kentucky is a nonprofit organization that empowers women to network, make business connections and develop their leadership skills. Everyone is invited to join us for our events, there is no cost to attend. Register at www.womenleadingky.com

LG&E and KU request bids for energy to continue to reliably serve customers Utilities' aging coal-fired generating units nearing end of economic life

Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company issued a request for proposal today for generation capacity to meet a potential energy shortfall being created by the expected retirements of Mill Creek Units 1 and 2 and E.W. Brown Unit 3 later this decade.

The coal-fired Mill Creek Units 1 and 2 and E.W. Brown Unit 3 are reaching the end of their economic lives and the utilities are starting the process to evaluate all available generation options in order to implement the best generation plan for the future. The utilities are seeking from 300 to 900 megawatts beginning in 2025 to 2028. Proposals must be for at least 100 megawatts and must be delivered to the

utilities' transmission system. Additionally, the utilities are asking for proposals for at least 100 megawatts of battery storage on their system.

"These units have enabled us to deliver safe, reliable power to our customers for decades, but they are nearing the end of their life cycles. Keeping them operating would require costly investments, and given their age, it would not be in the best interest of our customers to further invest in these units," said David Sinclair, LG&E and KU's vice president of Energy Supply and Analysis. "The request for proposal will allow us the opportunity to evaluate a number of options to ensure that we continue to serve our customers energy needs

in the most reliable, least-cost fashion without committing LG&E and KU to any particular business decision."

At the time of their anticipated retirements, the Mill Creek units will be more than 50 years old and Brown Unit 3 will be nearly 60 years old. Mill Creek Unit 1, built in 1972, has 300 megawatts of capacity and is expected to be retired in 2024. Both Mill Creek Unit 2, a 297-megawatt unit built in 1974, and Brown Unit 3, a 412-megawatt unit built in 1971, are expected to be retired by 2028.

As part of the long-term planning process, the utilities evaluate a range of factors including the impact of potential stricter envi-

ronmental regulations, fuel price scenarios, the cost of replacement generation, continued operations and major maintenance costs and the risk of major equipment failures in determining when to retire generation.

Since there are several years before the units may be taken out of service, any workforce reductions are expected to occur as part of normal retirements, attrition and transfer opportunities.

Visit lge-ku.com/rfp to access the request. All proposals are due by March 31. The utilities anticipate making a decision by the middle of the year and possibly seeking applicable regulatory approvals starting in early 2022.

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 The parties will request a Fairness Hearing before the Honorable Judge Andy Prather, Division 2, on April 1, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. to decide whether to approve the settlement and to award attorneys' fees and expenses to the Settlement Class Counsel appointed by the Court, plus Settlement Class Representative incentive awards. If the hearing date/location changes, the updated information will be posted on the settlement website. (1) An original or copy of your credit/debit card statement below after they are filed. You may attend this hearing, but you do not have to. If you want to be represented by your own lawyer, you may hire one at your own expense, but you do not have to.
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Haman's Plot Foiled
Book of Esther

Mordecai learned of Haman's plot to have all the Jews in the kingdom controlled by Xerxes killed and the edict Xerxes had issued to bring it about. He appealed to Queen Esther to intervene. She invited Xerxes and Haman to dine with her. When Xerxes asked what Esther desired, she told him to come again the next day along with Haman and she would tell him. At that meal, Esther requested that Xerxes spare her people and revealed that it was Haman who had conspired to have her people destroyed.

The king went into a rage, left his wine and went out into the palace garden.

Haman realized that the king had already decided his fate and begged Queen Esther to spare his life. Just as the king returned to the banquet hall and saw Haman as he

fell on the couch where Esther was reclining. The king exclaimed, "Will he even molest the queen while she is with me in the house?" Immediately the servants covered Haman's face.

The king ordered that he be hanged on the gallows he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the king's fury subsided. King Xerxes gave Queen Esther the estate of Haman and Esther appointed Mordecai over Haman's estate.



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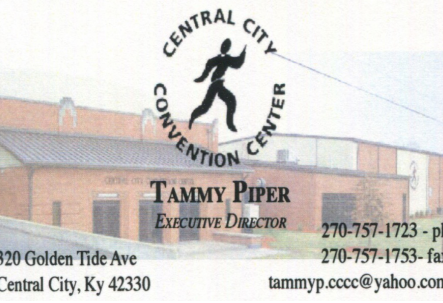
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Ball Corp. to create nearly 200 jobs in Bowling Green

Companies continue to create high-paying jobs for Kentuckians, as Gov. Andy Beshear, local and corporate leaders today announced Ball Corp. plans to create approximately 200 high-wage positions with the construction of a new manufacturing facility in Bowling Green to produce recyclable aluminum ends for the company's beverage can customers.

"As we enter the new year, we will continue to focus our economic development efforts on sustained job and wage growth across the commonwealth," Gov. Beshear said. "This announcement of Ball Corp.'s new aluminum can end production facility in Warren County creating nearly 200 high-wage jobs is a major step toward securing a better future for Kentuckians. I want to thank Ball for this commitment to the workforce in and around Warren County, and I look forward to the company becoming part of Team Kentucky."

Ball executives expect to immediately start site preparation in the Kentucky Transpark to build a 500,000-square-foot facility, scheduled

to begin production in early 2022. The operation – Ball's first in the state – would provide capacity to supply aluminum ends to Ball's expanding North American network of beverage can manufacturing plants. Company leaders plan to begin hiring later this year, and the facility ultimately will create nearly 200 jobs over the next five years. Positions will include production technicians, industrial electricians, machinists, material handlers and leadership and support staff roles.

"Bowling Green will join our industry-leading network of more than 20 North American plants, including two new beverage can manufacturing plants currently under construction in Glendale, Arizona, and Pittston, Pennsylvania, scheduled to start up in early- and mid-2021, respectively," said Colin Gillis, president, Ball beverage packaging, North & Central America. "These investments will align our end production with our beverage can capacity investments and are supported by numerous long-term customer contracts to serve the unprecedented demand for

sustainable aluminum packaging while furthering Ball's Drive for 10 vision for long-term success."

Headquartered in Westminster, Colorado, Ball was founded in 1880 and has grown to include more than 100 locations employing over 18,000 people worldwide. The company became widely recognized over the years for its popular canning jars and currently produces infinitely recyclable aluminum packaging for beverages and personal care products, as well as aerospace and other technologies and services to commercial and governmental customers. In 2019, the company produced roughly 48 billion recyclable aluminum beverage containers throughout North America.

Ball joins more than 185 aluminum-related facilities in Kentucky employing over 20,000 Kentuckians full time. In 2020, companies within the industry announced seven new location or expansion projects in the state totaling \$166 million in new investment and the creation of 137 full-time jobs.

Ball's arrival in the

commonwealth continues a trend of companies creating high-wage jobs throughout the state, a goal of Gov. Beshear's administration. The 236 new location and expansion projects announced in Kentucky in 2020 are expected to create over 8,000 full-time jobs in the coming years at an average hourly wage of \$22.11, the state's second highest mark of the past six years.

Warren County Judge/Executive Mike Buchanan welcomed both the company and the new employment it will bring.

"Job creation of this magnitude by manufacturers are an investment in the future of the people of Warren County," Judge/Executive Buchanan said. "I am excited to add Ball to our business community and to support their continued success here."

Bowling Green Mayor Todd Alcott said the city will provide Ball a welcome home for decades to come.

"Ball has a strong reputation all over the world, and we are proud to welcome them to our community," Mayor Alcott said. "I am certain they will find con-

tinued success and a strong workforce here in Bowling Green."

Ron Bunch, president and CEO of the Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce, thanked the company for its decision to locate in the region.

"This amazing project will have an enormous economic impact in South Central Kentucky," Bunch said. "We are grateful to Ball Metal Beverage Container Corporation not only for investing in our economy after several months of site considerations in multiple states, but also for bringing great jobs and future opportunities to our community."

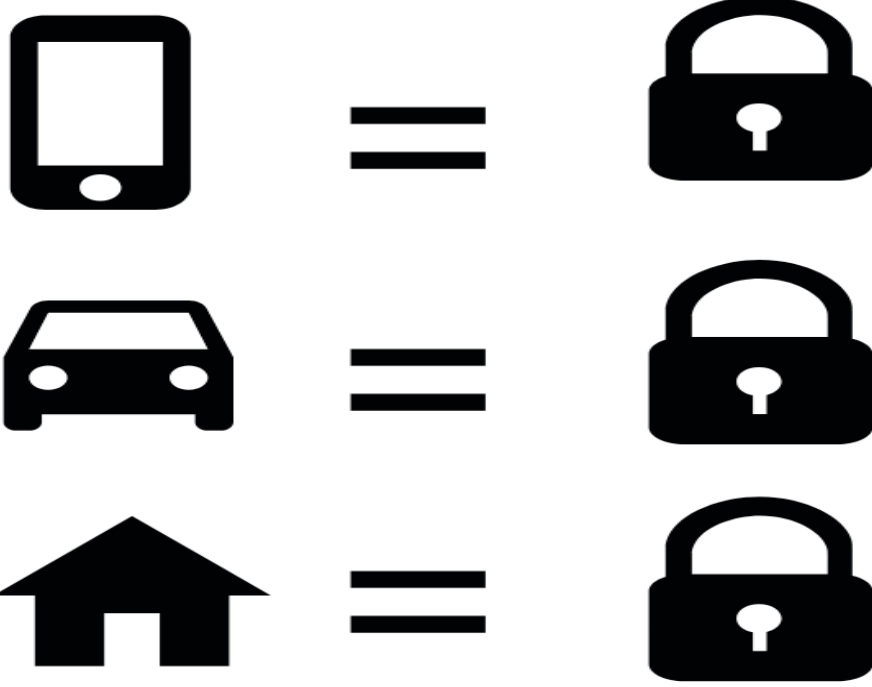
To encourage the investment and job growth in the community, the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority (KEDFA) in a special meeting on Thursday preliminarily approved a 10-year incentive agreement with the company under the Kentucky Business Investment program. The performance-based agreement can provide up to \$6 million in tax incentives based on the company's investment and annual targets of:

Creation and maintenance of 198 Kentucky-resident, full-time jobs across 10 years; and paying an average hourly wage of \$45 including benefits across those jobs.

By meeting its annual targets over the agreement term, the company can be eligible to keep a portion of the new tax revenue it generates. The company may claim eligible incentives against its income tax liability and/or wage assessments.

Additionally, KEDFA approved Ball for up to \$1.3 million in tax incentives through the Kentucky Enterprise Initiative Act (KEIA). KEIA allows approved companies to recoup Kentucky sales and use tax on construction costs, building fixtures, equipment used in research and development and electronic processing.

In addition, Ball can receive resources from the Kentucky Skills Network. Through the Kentucky Skills Network, companies can receive no-cost recruitment and job placement services, reduced-cost customized training and job training incentives.



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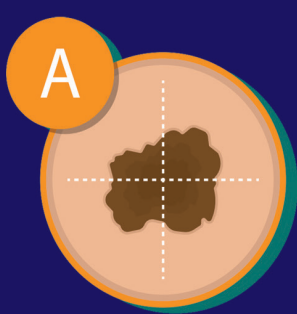
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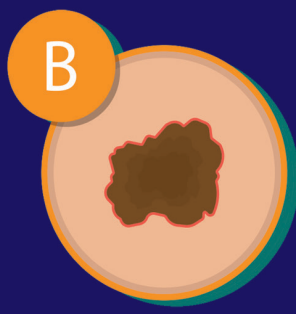
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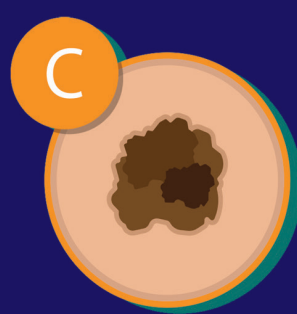
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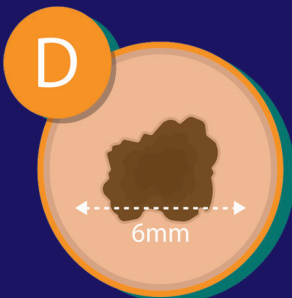
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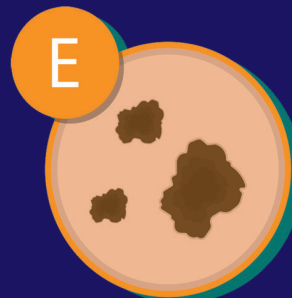
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