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Covid health emergency to end May 11

An estimated 260,000 to lose health coverage

By MELISSA PATRICK Kentucky Health News

Gov. Andy Beshear agreed with President Biden's decision to end the Covid-19 public health emergency on May 11, a decision that will bring an end to several programs that were put in place to help people during the worst of the pandemic.

"I think it's time," Beshear said at his weekly news conference last Thursday. "We are in a much different and a much better place with the pandemic. People have the information they need, and everyone has the ability to protect themselves to the best of their ability through a series of steps."

The governor didn't specify them, but those steps include getting a Covid-19 vaccination and booster, wearing a high-quality mask in public indoor spaces or avoiding non-essential indoor activities if you are at high risk of getting sick, getting tested before having social contact with others who are at high risk of severe disease, and to wear a mask if you are with them. And, to stay home if you are sick.

Beshear said he didn't support Kentucky legislators' decision to end the commonwealth's Covid-19 state of emer-

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Muhlenberg County High School's Marching Mustangs are headed to Washington D.C. this spring, to march in the annual Memorial Day Parade. The band is seen here, practicing on Feb. 3 in their classroom at the high school, conducted by director Troy Stovall. They will host a Sweethearts Pancake Breakfast this coming Saturday, Feb. 11 at Catfish Dock in Powderly. Breakfast will be served from 7 to 10 a.m. This event is a fundraiser for the trip. "The boosters and kids have really been working hard toward our goal of every student being totally funded for the trip. The community has been overwhelmingly supportive," Stovall said. The D.C. trip is just one of many events the band has planned for the spring season. (Leader-News photo/Stacie Barton)



Muhlenberg County NAACP kicked off Black History Month with a walk through Paradise Park in Powderly, in honor of their ancestors. The group is planning several events throughout the month. More on A-3. (Leader-News photo/Stacie Barton)

Daycare director charged with abuse

A Greenville woman has been charged with third-degree criminal abuse, after school officials notified the Muhlenberg County Sheriff's Office about an incident that allegedly occurred on Jan. 30 at Shining Start Daycare Center, located in Muhlenberg South Elementary School in Beechmont.

Amanda Camp, 38, is alleged to have subjected a 5-year old student to unapproved punishment, resulting in a citation and the Class A misdemeanor charge. Camp was the director of the school's daycare program, according to a school official.

According to court documents, Camp allegedly lifted the child and placed them head-first into a trash can, leaving them there for a short period before removing them.

Camp is no longer employed by Muhlenberg County Public Schools, a school official said. The daycare center is closed until further notice, and the district is working with state officials to reopen as soon as they can.

An official with the sheriff's office said this is an ongoing investigation. Camp was issued a citation and ordered to appear in Muhlenberg County District Court later this week.

Sleet and freezing rain shut down much of county last week

By STACIE BARTON editor@ky-leadernews.com

Muhlenberg County was mostly shut down for two days last week, as sleet and freezing rain left roadways covered and parking lots transformed into ice rinks. School was closed for three days, and businesses, libraries, and local government offices were also shuttered as icy conditions persisted.

A mixture of sleet and freezing rain moved throughout the region beginning in the evening on Jan. 30. The initial round moved out overnight, but was followed by a second wave during the afternoon and evening on Jan. 31.

Muhlenberg County received between a half inch and an inch of sleet accumulation, with some localized accumulations of 1.5 inches.

Temperatures were well below freezing so roads quickly became



An unusually quiet morning commute along Broad Street in Central City on Feb. 1 as businesses, libraries, local government offices and schools were closed due to icy conditions. (Leader-News photo/Stacie Barton)

covered with sleet, which compacted down to an icy coating. Even in the days that followed, many secondary roads were ice-covered as temperatures remained below freezing through the morning of Feb. 2.

There were numerous slide-offs and some accidents reported. Greenville Fire Department reported a tractor trailer overturned on Dean Road, just east of the Kentucky 181 North intersection. A second vehicle ended up off the roadway there and the road was closed for several hours.

On Feb. 1, sun and warmer temperatures midday made for some melting, but freezing temperatures overnight created slippery travel

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Muhlenberg County NAACP will host several events during Black History Month. There is a Black History Trivia Night at Holly J's tonight, Feb. 7, at 7 p.m. They will also host the third annual African American Read-in at Sip&Spin Coffee and Records in Greenville on Feb. 24. Members who participated in the Ancestor's Walk were, from left to right: Anthony Keaton, Elijah Frazier, Brittney Hernandez-Stevenson, Cassie Reynolds, Jamicha Phelps-Keaton, Janice Hernandez-Stevenson, Erica Elliott, Izzy Frazier, Dorothy Parker, James Gregory, Roneshia Elliott, Dianna Gregory, Kevinia Frazier, and Jeff Frazier. (Leader-News photo/Stacie Barton)



Members of the Central City United Methodist Church recently put together gift bags to be delivered to Sparks Nursing Home and The Courtyard, both in Central City. The bags contain cards, a rose and sweets. During the month of February, the church is celebrating seniors. Seen here are Mary Early Pyle and Barbara Hobgood, preparing the bags. (Photo/Greg Lamb)

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again on Feb. 2. This bout of freezing weather was in stark contrast to most of January, which saw temperatures well above normal, according to the National Weather Service in Paducah. January was seven to eight degrees warmer than average, and finished the eighth warmest on record since 2006. Paducah was on pace to finish January as the warmest on record, when

the arctic blast of Jan. 30-31 hit, bumping this year's readings to fourth warmest. It was also a very wet January. Muhlenberg County saw more than eight inches of rain, well above the average three to four inches normally seen this time of year. A warm-up is expected this week, with temperatures forecast in the high 50s to low 60s.

Meetings

- **CENTRAL CITY CITY COUNCIL** will meet at 5 p.m. Feb. 8 at City Hall, 214 North First Street.
- Muhlenberg County **FISCAL COURT** will meet at 4 p.m. on Feb. 9 at the Muhlenberg County Courthouse, second floor, 100 South Main Street in Greenville.
- **GREENVILLE CITY COUNCIL** will meet at 5 p.m. on Feb. 9 at the City Clerk's Office, 118 Court Street.
- **MUHENBERG COUNTY TOURISM** Commission will meet at noon on Feb. 13 at the Career Advancement Center, 50 Career Way in Central City.
- Greater Muhlenberg **PARKS AND RECREATION SYSTEM BOARD** will meet at noon on Feb. 14 at the park office, 200 County Park Drive in Greenville.
- Muhlenberg County **RETIRED TEACHERS** will meet at 10 a.m. Feb. 15 at Second Baptist Church in Greenville. Megan Chaney will speak about the Foreign Exchange Program.
- **MUHENBERG ALLIANCE FOR PROGRESS** will meet at noon on Feb. 15 at the Career Advancement Center, 50 Career Way in Powderly.
- Muhlenberg County Public **LIBRARIES BOARD OF TRUSTEES** will meet at 4:30 p.m. Feb. 16 at the Harbin Memorial Library, located at 117 South Main Street in Greenville.
- Muhlenberg County **BOARD OF EDUCATION** will meet at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 16 at the board office, 510 West Main Street in Powderly.
- Muhlenberg County **WATER DISTRICT #3** will meet at 4 p.m. Feb. 20 at the water office, 4815 Main Street in Bremen.
- The Muhlenberg County Phase I **AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL** will meet at 5 p.m. on Feb. 20 at the Muhlenberg County Cooperative Extension Service located at 3690 State Route 1380 in Central City. For more information contact Darrell Simpson, Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources at 270-338-3124 or at roger.simpson@uky.edu.
- **DRAKESBORO CITY COUNCIL** will meet at 6 p.m. Feb. 20 at the community center, 212 West Mose Rager Boulevard.
- Muhlenberg County **AIRPORT BOARD** will meet at 6 p.m. Feb. 21 at the airport, 399 Airport Road in Greenville.
- **POWDERLY CITY COUNCIL** will meet at 6 p.m. Feb. 21 at city hall, 211 Hillside Road.

Happenings

- **BLACK HISTORY TRIVIA NIGHT** will be at 7 p.m. Feb. 7 at Holly J's in Central City. Hosted by Muhlenberg County NAACP, come out and test your knowledge for a chance to win.
- Muhlenberg County High School Band will host a **PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER** from 7 to 10 a.m. Feb. 11 at the Catfish Dock in Powderly. \$10 per adult, \$7 for kids 3-10. Kids under 3 eat free.
- Muhlenberg County Tourism presents **MURDER ON THE GREEN**, an interactive murder mystery, at 6 p.m. Feb. 11 at Central City Country Club. It's going to be a killer time! For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Logan Porter at 270-338-1004.
- Muhlenberg County **4-H PENGUIN PLUNGE** is at 10 a.m. Feb. 18 at the Central City Convention Center's outdoor pool. Sign up now to take the plunge, and help provide more than 180 school kids with a backpack full of food each weekend throughout the school year. \$120 entry fee supports a student for the entire school year. To make a donation or sign up for the plunge, call 270-338-3124.
- The National Weather Service will present **SKYWARN SPOTTER TRAINING** at 6 p.m. Feb. 23 at the Emergency Services Complex, 504 Doss Drive in Powderly. The class will teach participants about weather events and how to report them. The class is free, registration is required. Register online at www.weather.gov/pah/spotter-training
- The third annual **AFRICAN AMERICAN READ-IN** will be held at 5 p.m. Feb. 24 at Sip&Spin Coffee and Records, located at 115 North Main Street in Greenville. Share your favorite song, poem or short story by an African American author or artist. Free books provided by SOAR.

Muhlenberg County Weather

| Extended Forecast February 7 - 14, 2023 | | Last Week's Almanac January 29 - February 4th | | |
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| TUESDAY Hi: 61 Lo: 43 PM Showers | SATURDAY Hi: 43 Lo: 26 Partly Cloudy | Day | Hi | Low |
| WEDNESDAY Hi: 56 Lo: 54 Rain | SUNDAY Hi: 53 Lo: 38 Partly Cloudy | Sun. | 50 | 36 |
| THURSDAY Hi: 59 Lo: 37 AM Showers | MONDAY Hi: 58 Lo: 44 Mostly Cloudy | Mon. | 38 | 23 |
| FRIDAY Hi: 44 Lo: 27 Cloudy | TUESDAY Hi: 60 Lo: 52 Showers | Tues. | 25 | 19 |
| | | Wed. | 31 | 26 |
| | | Thurs. | 35 | 20 |
| | | Fri. | 29 | 15 |
| | | Sat. | 49 | 36 |

LAKE CONDITIONS
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'Dragons' performance at Martin Hall rescheduled for March 27

The international tour of "Dragons and Mythical Beasts" will be coming to Felix Martin Hall, despite the ice storm that prompted last week's cancellation.

The production, originally scheduled for Jan. 31, is slated for 7 p.m. on March 27.

"We are beyond thrilled to be able to reschedule," said Sean Mooningham, director of Martin Hall.

"With any touring show, let alone one from out of the country, it's always a challenge to try and reschedule. I can't thank everyone at BBT and the entire "Dragons" team enough."

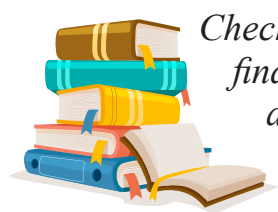
Tickets for the canceled date will be honored then, and the remaining seats are on sale now at www.felixmartinhall.org or by calling 270-377-3115.

Extension office to host Beef Cattle meeting

The Muhlenberg County Cooperative Extension Service will be hosting a Beef Cattle Market Update and Freezer Beef Pricing Methods meeting at 1 p.m. on Feb. 23 at the Muhlenberg County Cooperative Extension Service. The guest speaker will be Dr. Kenny Burdine, from the University of Kentucky Agricultural

Economics Department. Please contact the Muhlenberg County Cooperative Extension Service at 270-338-3124 by Feb. 17 to pre-register. For more information, contact Darrell Simpson, Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources Education at 270-338-3124 or at rog-er.simpson@uky.edu.

At the Library



Check out new releases and find out what's happening at Muhlenberg County Public Libraries in February

JUVENILE and YOUNG ADULT

- Max Brallier – *The Last Kids on Earth and the Forbidden Fortress (Last Kids on Earth #8)*
- Katy and Lisa Eisenberg Hall, – *Olive You! And Other Valentine Knock-Knock Jokes You'll Adore*
- Talia Hibbert – *Highly Suspicious and Unfairly Cute*
- Gordon Korman – *The Superteacher Project*
- Mary Pope Osborne – *Rhinos at Recess (Magic Tree House)*
- Scott Rothman – *Return of the Underwear Dragon*
- Kaylie Smith – *Ruinous Fate (Witch's Dice)*
- Kiersten White – *Camp Creepy (The Sinister Summer)*

ADULT

- Amy Clipston – *Something Old, Something New: A Sweet Contemporary Romance*
- Jennifer Fulton – *Everyday Quilting: The Complete Beginner's Guide to 15 Fun Projects*
- Dean Koontz – *The House at the End of the World*
- Leslie Meier, Lee Hollis, and Barbara Ross – *Irish Coffee Murder*
- James Patterson and Mike Lupica – *The House of Wolves (audio)*
- Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child – *The Cabinet of Dr. Leng (Agent Pendergast #21)*
- Prince Harry, the Duke of Sussex – *Spare*
- Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol; David Remnick; and Jamie Raskin – *The January 6th Report*
- Benjamin Stevenson – *Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone*

EVENTS

- Wednesday, Feb. 8**
Cooking Through the Calendar (register at 270-338-3124)
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Central City Public Library
- Thursday, Feb. 9, 16, 23**
Storytime (18 mo. - 5 yrs.)
10:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-2 p.m. at Central City Public Library
- Tuesday, Feb. 14, 21, 28**
Storytime (18 mo. - 5 yrs.)
10:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-2 p.m. at Harbin Memorial Public Library (Greenville)
- Friday, Feb. 17**
Color Me Happy Coloring Club (age 16+)
3-4:30 p.m. at Central City Public Library
- Monday, Feb. 20**
Library Closed (Presidents Day)
- Tuesday, Feb. 21**
Thistle Cottage Grand Reopening
2-7 p.m. at Thistle Cottage
- Wednesday, Mar. 1**
Youth Art Show Open House (K-3rd grade)
3-6 p.m. at Thistle Cottage

District recognizes staff during National School Counseling Week



District staff pictured here, from left to right are Julie Pendley, Sarah Ray, Derrick Benton, Hanna Southerland, Jaime Randolph, Tracy Warner, Kara Bletzing, Jennette Boggess, JoJo Jarvis, Sharis Smith, Stephanie Bryant, Whitney Peay, Heather Orten, Matt Perkins, Melody Browning, Carrie Duncan, Contessa Orr, Marty Osborne, and Tonya Bowers. Not pictured are Tina Stallins, Debra Markwell, and Rebekah Johnson. (Photo/Submitted)

As National School Counseling Week kicks off, Muhlenberg County Public Schools recognizes the 11 full-time school counselors, three part-time school counselors and four school psychologists who help address the mental health needs of students.

They offer a range of services including classroom lessons on social-emotional concepts, group counseling, individual counseling, crisis response, and making referrals to outside agencies for additional support.

This year, the group has placed

extra emphasis on the creation of calming spaces in classrooms and school buildings and are fully invested in helping students learn and demonstrate the healthy social and emotional behaviors that are required for learning and life success.

Kentucky independents, others now make up 10% of registered voters

Sec. of State Michael Adams announced on Jan. 27 that for the first time, Kentucky voter registration under "other" political affiliations broke the 10% mark.

In December, Kentucky saw 6,103 new voters register, for a net gain of 509 new voters. Meanwhile, 5,594 voters were removed from the rolls – 3,686 deceased voters, 1,429 who moved out of state, 391 felony convicts, 44 who voluntarily

de-registered, 43 who were adjudged mentally incompetent, and one duplicate registration.

"Candidates for statewide office should take notice: to win a general election, they must reach out beyond their base and court the fastest-growing bloc of the electorate," Adams said.

Republican registrants account for 45.5% of the electorate, with 1,635,938 voters. Republican registration rose by 2,048 voters,

a 0.13 percent increase.

Democratic registrants account for 44.5% of the electorate, with 1,600,466 voters. Democratic registration dropped by 2,892 voters, a 0.18 percent decrease.

Voters registered as Independent or with other affiliations account for 10% of the electorate, with 358,336 voters. "Other" registration increased by 1,353 voters, or 0.38 percent.

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agency in March 2022 because it caused Kentuckians to lose money for federal food assistance.

Beshear noted several programs that will end when the national state of emergency ends, including free Covid-19 testing and treatment and the Rental Assistance Program, which he said is already running out of money.

In a detailed explainer about what the end of the Covid-19 public health emergency will mean to health coverage and access, the Kaiser Family Foundation says Covid-19 vaccinations, testing and treatment will continue to be free to all people as long as the supply of federally purchased vaccines last.

But when the federally purchased supplies run out, KFF says there will likely be a co-payment for all testing and treatment for people with insurance. Vaccines must remain free to most people with private and public insurance under the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, but that rule does not apply to the uninsured or underinsured.

Medicaid unwinding

One pandemic benefit that is ending made it easier for low-income people to sign up for free health care through Medicaid and kept states from kicking them off the program. That will change, as part of an end-of-year omnibus law that requires Medicaid agencies to restart their annual renewal process. This process has been dubbed "Medicaid unwinding."

At a Jan. 12 state Senate and House Joint Health Services Committee meeting, Veronica Judy-Cecil, senior deputy commissioner of the state Department for Medicaid Services, gave a snapshot of how many Kentuckians this will affect.

She said the state estimates that of the 1.7 million Kentuckians on Medicaid, 243,368, about 14%, will lose eligibility during the unwinding. Slides presented at Beshear's Feb. 2 news conference indicated that the estimated number of people impacted by the unwinding has gone up to 260,000.

Of that group, an estimated 85,400 have incomes over 138%

of the federal poverty level, the Medicaid limit, and may get a qualified health plan with federal tax credits through Kynect, the state-based marketplace.

"So, we're going to work really hard to make sure that people understand if you're losing your Medicaid eligibility, but you qualify for a QHP on the state-based exchange, and potentially advanced premium tax credits to make it affordable, then you can find coverage on the exchange. And we're gonna work really hard to make sure people understand that," Judy-Cecil said.

Judy-Cecil added that about 80% of Kentuckians on Medicaid can go through an automatic renewal process because they know what their income is and if it is too high.

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Opinion

When it comes to consumption tax, the math just doesn't add up

As the Kentucky legislature moves to zero out personal income tax in the commonwealth, it leaves me wondering, how can we have nice things if there is no money to pay for it?

A shift from income tax to sales tax, what legislators are calling a "consumption" tax, is a regressive one. Plain and simple, it means people like you and me pay a higher percentage of our income in taxes than those with the highest incomes. Kentuckians in poverty (about 21% of the population in Muhlenberg County, according to the U.S. Census Bureau) will pay an outsized portion of their income in sales taxes.

And it leaves a gaping hole in the state's budget. Proponents argue people can just pay less by consuming less. But can we really avoid these new taxes? The list of taxable services continues to grow.

We may see a few more dollars in our paychecks but will it make up for the additional taxes, levied by the legislature starting in 2018? Taxes were added to have our lawns mowed, enjoy a night out at the bowling alley, or take Spot to the vet. We've been paying a tax to go on camping trips and have our clothes dry cleaned too.

A relaxing getaway will now cost a little bit more, if you plan on staying in a timeshare or condo, thanks to a list of new "consumption" taxes. So will that senior photo session for your grad, and hiring someone to help you move. The list includes more than 30 services, in addition to the dozen enacted in 2018, that now have a 6% tax added.

Sure, I guess I could avoid consuming things. I can mow my own yard, but my elderly neighbor can't. She has to pay a service, and a tax. I might be able to skip the getaway, but I can't really skip the "consumption" of veterinarian services for Roger, my cat. He's just too precious.

As the legislature moves toward their goal of zero income tax, I am guessing the money will have to come from somewhere.

Take a look at our southern neighbor, Tennessee. Sure, they've got no income tax, but they pay 7% in sales tax. In the city of Nashville, the sales tax is 9.25%. Because the money has to come from somewhere, if you want nice things.

Most of the states without an income tax pay more in sales taxes than we do here in Kentucky. The exceptions are states with tiny populations, like Alaska (pop. 732,000) and Wyoming (pop. 578,000).

The median household income in Muhlenberg County is about \$46,000 per year. It's safe to argue most people here are not high enough earners to benefit from this regressive tax plan.

But don't just take it from me. The General Assembly's own Legislative Research Commission have provided the numbers, and they really don't add up.

The new taxes on services are meant to offset the decrease in income tax revenue for the state, but they don't even come close. These new taxes are projected to raise only \$58 million in the first year, while the income tax cuts will cost the state \$530 million. By 2024, the net revenue loss would climb to \$902 million.

By 2035, the bill eliminating income tax would cost Kentucky 17% of its general fund revenue, the Kentucky Center for Economic Policy estimates. That's about what the state spends on Medicaid each year.

Those losses in revenue will have to be offset somehow. Funding for education, healthcare, and infrastructure – you know, the nice things – are likely to end up on the chopping block. For some lawmakers that might be a feature, not a bug.

Just don't be surprised when spending on nice things gets cut and sales... er... I mean "consumption" taxes keep on rising to fill the void.



Stacie Barton
Editor, Leader-News

Raymer: Why lower income taxes?

By REP. REBECCA RAYMER



Rep. Rebecca Raymer

As you may know, Kentuckians saw their individual income tax drop from 5% to 4.5% on January 1 of this year, leaving an estimated \$625 million in the paychecks of Kentuckians throughout the commonwealth. The cut is the result of HB 8, passed by the legislature in 2022 despite a veto by Governor Beshear.

HB 8 established the framework for the individual income tax to be cut in half a percentage point increments until it is eliminated entirely. The measure sets a series of triggers that must be met before the legislature can approve an incremental cut. Those triggers exist to protect necessary funding for state programs that serve Kentuckians and are based on state revenue, economic forecasts, and the state's budget reserve trust fund.

The next cut, to 4% as of January 2024, has already been triggered and the House voted to approve the cut during the first part of this year's session.

Eliminating the income tax does require, at least in part, moving to a consumption-based economy to gain revenue. To put it simply, consumption-based taxes are attached to an individual's choice to purchase an item or use a service. The legislature chose to levy the sales tax on services like lobbying, personal security, short-term rentals like VRBO and Airbnb, and cosmetic surgery procedures that are not medically necessary.

These changes are estimated to bring in approximately \$69 million in new revenue – a fraction of the estimated \$625 million that Kentuckians will keep as a result of the 2023 income tax cut. It is also important to note that necessities like groceries and medicine remain tax exempt.

So, why target the individual income tax? First, it benefits working Kentuckians. To paraphrase President Calvin Coolidge, people should work more for themselves and less for their government. By cutting the income tax, individuals keep more of their hard-earned money and choose when and how to save, invest, or spend it in their communities. It is this kind of spending that strengthens local economies, grows

independently owned businesses, and benefits communities.

Second, it is proven to help grow the economy and we know it works. Lawmakers lowered the income tax from 6% to 5% as part of the first tax reform package passed by the new conservative majority in 2018. As a result, our commonwealth saw record-low unemployment, historic investments, and was on track to shatter revenue records when pandemic shutdowns hit in 2020.

For more evidence, let us compare two states: Kentucky and Tennessee. Tennessee's tax structure is based on consumption and not income. The median income in Tennessee in 2019 (pre-Covid) was almost \$4,000 higher than ours. Equally interesting, Tennessee's poverty rate is 25% lower and the percentage of their population on Medicaid is 11% lower.

To put a human face on the contrast, consider that, despite having 2.5 million more people, Tennessee actually has fewer children in their foster care system. While some may cite Tennessee's place as home to the country music industry, that industry and others – including healthcare, banking, and tourism, have grown there because of government policies – including taxes.

The third "why" is simple, people choose to live where tax structures benefit them and their families. In a tight labor market like we are experiencing today, taxes can help recruit workers.

According to Census figures, approximately 700,000 people left California in 2021 and 2022. They left for a simple reason – they were overtaxed and over-regulated and it was simply too expensive to live there anymore. Californians pay an income tax ranging up to 13% depending on income and where they live. Many have moved states like Texas, where no individual income tax exists. Also, despite being among the most taxed states in the nation, California has a \$25 billion deficit. Comparatively, Texas has a \$30 billion surplus.

Ultimately, it boils down to this: if you keep doing what you've been doing, you're going to keep getting what you've been getting. Our commonwealth ranks far too close to the bottom on indicators of health, wealth, education, and happiness. This is an incredible place, but we have great potential that has gone untapped for far too long. Kentuckians deserve better.

Rep. Rebecca Raymer represents the 15th House District, which includes Butler and Muhlenberg counties.

Quarles: Donations to Ag Tag fund helps farm families

By AG COMMISSIONER RYAN QUARLES



Ag Commissioner Ryan Quarles

Every year, when farmers review their farm license plates, or "ag tags," they have the opportunity to make a \$10 donation. That money goes into a fund divided equally among Kentucky 4-H, Kentucky FFA, and the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA) to support Kentucky's agriculture youth and other organizations and programs benefiting our farm families.

Last year, Kentucky farmers donated \$606,223.11. From that total, each group received \$202,074.37 to invest back into our communities for youth development and promotional programs.

During my time as your commissioner of agriculture, I've witnessed the generosity of Kentucky farmers. They've given during time of needs of natural disasters, when a neighbor falls on hard times, or even when a friend needs a little extra help. One of the easiest donations a farmer can give is that \$10 when they renew their farm tag. And over the years Kentucky farmers have done just that. They've given to help our next generation of farmers – our agriculture youth.

Since 2016, the first year I began serving as Kentucky's Agriculture Commissioner, farmers have donated \$4.3 million to the Ag Tag Program. That's an enormous amount and gives me a sense of pride that today's farmers care so much about the future of agriculture in Kentucky they are willing to give of their hard-earned money.

That unselfish willingness to help build and prepare Kentucky's agriculture youth are predominant features of FFA and 4-H. They are two of the lead-

ing youth organizations in Kentucky and the nation. While they work to prepare youth to take on the challenges agriculture faces, KDA works every day to promote Kentucky's farmers, inviting each resident in the commonwealth to realize the importance agriculture plays in the present and in the future. That future is Kentucky's agriculture youth. That's why this year's Ag Tag campaign theme is "Your Donation. Your Community. Our Leaders." Funding from your voluntary donations helps all three organizations fulfill our mission to sustain Kentucky agriculture for generations to come.

KDA uses its share of the Ag Tag funds for various programs, such as the Ag Athlete of the Year scholarships, the Kentucky Leopold Conservation Award, Kentucky Women in Agriculture, and Kentucky Agriculture and Environment in the Classroom.

Half of the 4-H and FFA donations are returned to local councils and chapters, meaning leaders in your community are able to use those funds to cover the cost of 4-H and FFA camp and other leadership programs for our youth. County 4-H councils use Ag Tag dollars to provide 4-H camp scholarships and travel for life-changing, educational experiences to enable local 4-H youth to grow as leaders and engaged citizens. FFA chapters were free to use the money to meet the greatest needs in their community, such as FFA jackets for students in need or helping cover travel costs to leadership events.

In the weeks to come, as many of you head back to your county clerk's office to renew your Ag Tags, I hope you will make the \$10 donation. Our record for Ag Tag collections in a single year is \$731,627, which was set in 2021. Let's try to break that record this year, at the same time, help ensure a bright future for Kentucky agriculture.

Ryan Quarles serves as Kentucky's Commissioner of Agriculture.

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Obituaries

Shannon Michelle Hall

NICHOLASVILLE – Shannon Michelle Hall, 52, passed away peacefully on Saturday, January 28, 2023, at Baptist Health Lexington. Born on October 29, 1970, in Hopkins County Hospital, her family attended Drakesboro Baptist Church. She attended Central City Elementary School and Longest Elementary School where she made cherished friendships. She went on to graduate from Murphysboro High School in Illinois.

Her happiest times were spent attending Blake Shelton concerts and she always had his music playing! She was his biggest fan!! One of her most cherished memories was when he sent her a video telling her to get well and that he loved her. (Thank you Tommy).

There was nothing more that she enjoyed than every weekend when friends would come to spend time with her at her mom and dad's pool. She loved big and was in return loved enormously. She was a gift and a miracle.

Survivors include her parents, Elizabeth and



Mike Hall; sister, Theresa (Jeff) West; niece, Breana (Alan) Turner; great niece, Emerson Kate Turner; nephew, Kyle (Lindsey) West and great niece Rory Morgan West all of Nicholasville, Ky. She also had special relationships with her Uncle Bernie, and Jonna and Bryan Jackson and many more uncles, aunts, cousins, and tremendous circle of friends that she loved deeply.

A celebration of life service was held Saturday, February 4, 2023 at Tucker Funeral Home in Central City. Dr. Mark LaBonde and Mr. Wayne Bragg officiated the service. Burial followed in Rose Hill Cemetery. Online condolences can be made at www.tuckerfuneralhomes.com Tucker Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mary E. Tucker

GREENVILLE – Mary E. Tucker, 85, of Greenville died Friday February 3, 2023, at The Heartford House in Owensboro. Born February 27, 1937, in Muhlenberg County, she was a retired Special Education Teacher for Muhlenberg County School System and a member of Powderly Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bobby Joe Tucker, son, Mark Anthony Tucker and parents, Ernest and Mary Gossett.

Survivors include her daughters, Darlene Church, Sandra Maddox, and Cynthia Lewis; sis-

ters, Donna Tooley, and Cheryl Brooks; brothers, Chester Gossett, and Ricky Gossett; several grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services were held Monday February 6, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at Tucker Funeral Home in Central City with Bro. Jamey Daugherty officiating. Burial followed in Old Bethel Cemetery. Online Condolences may be made at www.tuckerfuneralhomes.com. Tucker Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Daniel Ray Stanley

GRAHAM – Daniel Ray Stanley, 75, of Graham, died Friday, February 3, 2023 at 3:13 p.m. at TriStar SkyLine Medical Center in Nashville. Born June 12, 1947 in Muhlenberg County, he was a truck driver and a member of Little Mission Church in White Plains. He was preceded in death by five brothers, two sisters, and one great-granddaughter.

Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Deborah Stanley; children, Debbie Loney, Daniel Stanley, Jr., Lucinda Jones, Michael Stanley,

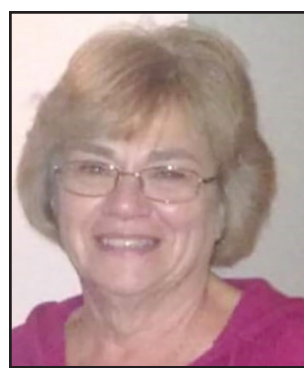
Deza Groves, and Dakota Stanley; 17 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; two brothers; several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at Tucker Funeral Home in Central City with Bro. Wally Cobb officiating. Burial will follow in Graham Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be Tuesday from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at www.tuckerfuneralhomes.com.

Sheila Ann Hendricks

SACRAMENTO – Sheila Ann Hendricks, 67, of Sacramento, died Tuesday, January 31, 2023 at 6:15 p.m. at Riverside Health and Rehabilitation in Calhoun. Born February 23, 1955 in McLean County, she was the head cashier at Lowes in Madisonville. She was preceded in death by her parents, Roy and Lillian Lyons.

Survivors include her children, Jeremy (Nina) Hendricks, and Alison Hendricks; grandchildren, Kora Arnold, and Lyanna Arnold; brothers, Roy Lynn Lyons, and Randall Lyons, and several nieces and neph-



ews.

Funeral services were held Friday, February 3, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at Tucker Memorial Chapel in Sacramento with Bro. Leroy Rearden officiating. Online condolences may be made at www.tuckerfuneralhomes.com.

Elizabeth Jane Casebier

DRAKESBORO – Elizabeth Jane Casebier, 73, of Drakesboro, died Wednesday, February 1, 2023, at 10:42 a.m. at her residence. Born July 2, 1949, in Muhlenberg County, she was a retired certified nurse assistant for Muhlenberg Community Hospital, and a member of Drakesboro United Methodist Church. She was preceded in death by her son, Brian Lamont Jenkins; father, Glendall Earl Casebier; brother, David Arnold Casebier; granddaughter, Jessy Elizabeth Jenkins; and grandparents, Clifford and Nora Arnold, and Edward and Jesse Casebier.

Survivors include her long-time compan-

ion, Darriel Sweeney; daughters, Audra (Cliff) Baumert and Michelle Riffel; step-sons, Darron (Ingrid) Sweeney and Shawn (Stephanie) Sweeney; mother, Dorothy Arnold Casebier; brother, James (Pam) Casebier; niece, Stephanie Casebier; grandchildren, Erin Jarvis, Ellee Phelps, and Erika (Kaleb) Evitts, and great-grandchildren, Tate Jarvis, Hazel Evitts, and Henry Evitts.

Per her request, there will be no services or visitation. Tucker Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.tuckerfuneralhomes.com.

Marilyn Elaine Saye

DUNMOR - Marilyn Elaine Hollenbaugh Saye of Dunmor, passed away peacefully Saturday, February 4, 2023 at Morgantown Care and Rehabilitation surrounded by her loving children singing her favorite songs. Born July 1, 1935 in Warren, Pa., she was the youngest of five children born to Rev. P. Frank and Mary O. (Best) Hollenbaugh. She was preceded in death by "Dave," her beloved husband of 59 years: her parents, brother Charles Hollenbaugh, sister Betty Stewart, brother Frank Hollenbaugh, Jr., brother-in-law Frank DeLuca, son-in-laws Ray Tatum and Danny Barfield.

Survivors include her children, Donna Carnley of Marianna, Fla.,

Darlene Tatum of Marianna, Fla., Diane Webb of Chipley, Fla., Debbie Barfield of Grandridge, Fla., LynnDee Webb of Chipley, Fla., David Saye Jr. of Cedartown, Ga., Rusty Saye of Mountain Springs, Texas, and Mike Saye of Dunmor; 28 grandchildren; 45 great grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren; sister Deloris DeLuca; sister-in-law, Betty Hollenbaugh; numerous nieces, nephews and loving friends.

Funeral Services were held Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at Price Funeral Home, Inc., 252 E. Green Street, Lewisburg, with Bro. Raleigh Blancett officiating. Burial followed in Hughes Cemetery in Dunmor.

Mary Ann Davis

UTICA – Today we gather to celebrate the life of Mary Ann Davis. Mary passed over into the arms of Jesus on Sunday, February 5th 2023 at 7:01 a.m. after a lengthy lung disease of Pulmonary Fibrosis. Pulmonary Hypertension – Mary fought so hard every single day but never let this horrible disease kill her spirit. You could find her praising her sweet Jesus at any given moment. The last year of her life got increasingly tough and brought many tears and increased pain but she never gave up until the Good Lord took her home. The last couple of months were especially bad but Jesus never left her side. Mary was a loving mother, wife, and grandmother and was even blessed with three great-grand babies. She loved spending time with them. The teens and preteens trying to teach her new songs, dances, or little skits for TikTok, and the Toddlers just wanted to play on Nana's phone, looking for games on YouTube. Mary loved her Lord and savior and loved to talk to others about Him and how He can change their lives.

Another passion of Mary's, after her children and grandchildren, was Photography. Before the disease slowed her down, she would love to capture beautiful photographs, humans, or nature.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles E. and Margaret R. Jones of Bremen; an infant sister named Yvonda Kay and a sweet loving sister Judy Wiley; brothers, Charles M Jones, and Jerry L Jones (Carolyn Todd).

Those left to cherish her memory are her



loving and devoted husband, Billy Davis; a precious daughter, April Rechelle Atkins; her grandchildren, Devon Blain Jernigan, (Jasmine) Alexis Mari LaShae Atkins, and Asya LaCehelle; and two great-grandsons, Emilio David, and Mauro Eduardo; son, Joshua Tyler (Thea) Parish; and Mary's granddaughters, (from her son Josh) Maddy Grace, and Mylee Jo. Others left to cherish her memory are her Bonus Daughter Lindsay (Jeremy) Phelps, who gave us three sweet boys to love on Chandler, Oliver, Cooper. Another bonus daughter Ashlie (Jared) Gipson; and Bonus daughters from a previous marriage Brandy Parish and Maranda Dawn Parish with several granddaughters and two great-grand babies; brothers, Danny A McDonald (Brenda), and Randal Lynn Jones and several nieces and nephews.

Celebration of Life service will be Friday, February 10, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at Tucker Funeral Home in Central City with Bro. James Crump officiating. Burial will follow in Nebo Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday, February 9, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at www.tuckerfuneralhomes.com.

We would like to thank each of you during the loss of our loved one Brent. Thanks for the food, flowers, monetary gifts but most of all the prayers! A special thanks to Bro. J.W. Haire for your comforting words, pallbearers, Gary's Funeral Home and Olive Grove Church for the meal.

Barbara Chandler - Mother
Crystal Elkins (John) Sister
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Shirley Faye Reno

CENTRAL CITY — Shirley Faye Reno, 85, of Central City, died Thursday, February 2, 2023 at 11:25 p.m. at her residence. Born February 13, 1937 in Muhlenberg County, she was a homemaker and of the Baptist faith. She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl Reno; son, Steven Osteen; granddaughter, Brandy Vaughn; great-grandson, Garrett Mork; parents, Talmadge and Hazel Ellis; and brother, Charles Ellis.

Survivors include her children, Candy (Ricky) Franklin, Tim (Anita) Reno, Robin (Mark) Eades, and Bobby (Debbie) Reno; 10 grandchildren; and 12 great-grand-



children.

Graveside services were held Saturday, February 4, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at Fairmount Cemetery in Central City with Bro. Bobby Reno officiating. Online Condolences may be made at www.tuckerfuneralhomes.com. Tucker Funeral Homes was in charge of arrangements.

Reba Ann Shaver

BREMEN — Reba Ann Shaver, 87, of Bremen, died Tuesday, January 31, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. at her daughter's residence in Owensboro. Born September 12, 1935 in Buttsberry, Ky, she owned a grocery store, and later a florist, and was a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church. She enjoyed shopping and going out to eat. She was preceded in death by her first husband, John C. Phelps; second husband, Roy Shaver; parents, Walter, and Mary Wood; sister, Ovellia Phelps; brothers, Haynes Ray Wood, Hugh H. Wood, and Billy Wood; step-son, Perry Shaver; grandson, Travis Swentner; sons-in-law, Gary Swentner, and Chris Wright.

Survivors include her children, Debbie Swentner of Owensboro, Jim (Phyllis) Phelps of Beaver Dam, Kathy (Bret) Hudson of Utica, and Cindy Wright of Bremen; step-daughter, Kathy (Bill) Loney of Henderson; grandchildren, Krista (Billy) Fogle, Brent (Jennifer) Phelps, Lindsay Phelps, Loran Phelps, Jessica (Kyle) Lashley,



Amanda (Sean) Miller, Jennifer Jones, and Laura Wright; step-grandchildren, Billy Loney, Joe Loney and John Shaver; 11 great-grandchildren; and brother, Tommy (Linda) Wood of Morgantown.

Funeral services were held Friday, February 3, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at Tucker Funeral Home in Central City with Bro. Leroy Rearden officiating. Burial followed in Bethlehem Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to Hospice of Western Kentucky, 3419 Wathens Crossing, Owensboro, KY 42301, or Bethlehem Baptist Church 200 Bethlehem Church Rd, Bremen, KY 42325. Online condolences may be made at www.tuckerfuneralhomes.com.

Muhlenberg County Humane Society PET OF THE WEEK



Meet The Doggo, Thor! Hi my name is Thor! Don't let my name scare you. I am a big scaredy-cat! Especially of cats!! I live to eat and be loved on. I am working on my leash manners, I just get so excited to go outside and play!! Squeaky toys are my favorite!! I am searching for a home where I can lay on the couch and eat some snacks. If you are looking for a big love bug please think of me! Stop by the Humane Society and have a meet and greet with this guy. Adoption fees are, cat/kitten \$60, dog adoption \$100, small dog and puppy (anything under four months old) is \$125.

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District Court

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

- Joshua Hawkins, possession of marijuana, and buy/possess drug paraphernalia, \$363
- Kaylee Alexis Mohon, theft by unlawful taking or disp. shoplifting, \$413, banned from Walmart
- Angelia Julie Wells, public intoxication controlled substance (excludes alcohol), \$188
- Sandra N. Ashley, third degree criminal trespassing, \$313, banned from Family Dollar in Greenville for life
- Billy Geary, Jr., fourth degree assault (domestic violence), \$193, 30 days in jail
- Brittany Irene Haney, rear license not illuminated, obstructed vision and/or windshield, and failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, \$308
- Traystyn Level, receiving stolen property, \$293
- Jarrod Thomas Shelton, failure to wear seat belts, possess open alcohol beverage container in a motor vehicle, and operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, second offense with aggravator, \$1,003, drivers license suspended for 6 months, 28 days home incarceration
- Salina Faye Sutton, possession of marijuana, \$263
- Quinton Torian, public intoxication controlled substance (excludes alcohol), third degree terroristic threatening, third degree criminal mischief, \$443, banned from CCI
- Trenton Lee Allen, theft of identity of another without consent, \$268, 60 days in jail
- Timothy D. Simmons, theft by unlawful taking or disp. shoplifting, and buy/possess drug paraphernalia, \$793, banned from Walmart
- Jeffrey Lynn Sullivan, buy/possess drug paraphernalia, \$293
- Hayden Adler, no operators/moped license, and regs for operating and riding on motorcycle, \$278
- Bruce Ackerman, operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/substance, second degree possession controlled substance (drug unspecified), controlled substance prescription not in original container, \$1,018, drivers license suspended for 6 months
- Brandi King Brooks, driving on DUI suspended license, alcohol intoxication in a public place, possessing license when privileges are revoked, and buy/possess drug paraphernalia, \$450, 20 days in jail
- Eric D. Covington, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, no/expired registration plates, and no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, \$353
- Eric Donovan Covington, no/expired registration plates, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, failure to produce insurance card, possession of marijuana, and buy/possess drug paraphernalia, \$748
- Amanda Feedback, first degree criminal mischief, \$1,155
- Jessie James McInerney, second degree disorderly conduct, \$343
- Catherine M. Sigers, third degree criminal trespassing, and operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/substance, \$943, banned from Goodwill Stores for life
- Bethany L. Smith, speeding, reckless driving, improper passing, failure to give right of way to emergency vehicle, operating vehicle with expired operators license, and instructional permit violations, \$393
- Carlos English, driving on DUI suspended license, \$183, five days in jail
- Jerry Wayne Bellar, possession of marijuana, buy/possess drug paraphernalia, theft of property mislaid or delivered by mistake, \$250
- Heather D. Crutcher, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, \$203
- Heather Dynette Crutcher, fourth degree assault, \$293, two days in jail
- Heather Dynette Crutcher, third degree criminal possession of a forged instrument, \$343
- Timothy D. Harkins, failure to wear seat belts, \$25
- Ryan W. Hendricks, operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/substance, \$833, drivers license suspended for 6 months, eight days home incarceration
- Cody Levi Jackson, third degree criminal trespassing, \$368
- Joseph Landrum, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, and obstructed vision and/or windshield, \$458
- Jay P. Phillips, second degree possession of controlled substance (drug unspecified), \$243
- Isaid Rosas, failure to wear seat belts, no operators/moped license, too many passengers in vehicle (front seat), excessive windshield/window tinting, \$378
- Donald Thomas Rutledge, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, and no/expired registration plates, \$193
- Logan Marshall Snodgrass, disregarding stop sign, reckless driving, operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol third with aggravator, driving on DUI suspended license, aggravated circumstances, failure to produce insurance card, possess open alcohol beverage container in a motor vehicle, possessing license when privileges are revoked/suspended, \$1,443, 30 days in jail
- Whitley D. Settle, theft by unlawful taking or disp. shoplifting, \$518, banned from Walmart
- Dustin Colby Borders, possession of marijuana, and buy/possess drug paraphernalia, \$363
- Anna L. Bard, obs theft by unlawful taking or disp. shoplifting, \$313, banned from Walmart
- Shane D. Clinton, false report an incident to law enforcement, \$493, 30 days in jail
- Klayton Nathaniel Denton, possessing license when privileges are revoked/suspended, and hindering prosecution or apprehension, second degree, \$293
- Joseph Massey, theft by unlawful taking or disp. all others, and possession of burglary tools, \$580.06, 30 days in jail
- Jerry Franklin O'Bannon, rear license not illuminated, and buy/possess drug paraphernalia, \$203
- Jerry Franklin O'Bannon, failure to wear seat belts, \$25
- Patricia Siekierke, theft by deception include cold checks, \$332.17
- Patricia Sierkierke, theft by deception include cold checks, \$493.19
- Corbin Trace Waddell, receiving stolen property, \$363
- Scottie Jo Warner, buy/possess drug paraphernalia, \$313
- Dwan Shrewsbury, first degree criminal trespassing, and giving officer false identifying information, \$543
- Amanda Leigh Eubanks, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, \$193
- Eric Casey France, third degree criminal trespassing, \$268
- Tina M. Liwoch, no operators/moped license, \$253
- Michael Ernest Quarles, operating motor vehicle under the influence of substance, possession of marijuana, and buy/possess drug paraphernalia, \$1,068, drivers license suspended for six months
- Shelly D. Romans, buy/possess drug paraphernalia, and second degree promoting contraband, \$443, 60 days home incarceration
- Shelly Denise Romans, possess open alcohol beverage container in a motor vehicle, possession of marijuana, and buy/possess drug paraphernalia, \$513
- Terry Allen Sims, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, and no/expired registration plates, \$243
- Jamie L. Smith, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$403
- Roy E. Tatum, speeding, reckless driving, and failure to produce insurance card, \$278
- Ethan Franklin Thomas, failure to wear seat belts, \$25
- Roy Dean Woods, buy/possess drug paraphernalia, and second degree promoting contraband, \$343
- Darren Higgs, harassment, \$213
- Willard Franklin Eaves, theft of services, and third degree criminal mischief, \$464.63
- Tina Carol Harris, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security \$253

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Around Muhlenberg

Judges 12

And the men of Ephraim gathered themselves together, and went northward, and said unto Jephthah, Wherefore passedst thou over to fight against the children of Ammon, and didst not call us to go with thee? we will burn thine house upon thee with fire.



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2 And Jephthah said unto them, I and my people were at great strife with the children of Ammon; and when I called you, ye delivered me not out of their hands.

3 And when I saw that ye delivered me not, I put my life in my hands, and passed over against the children of Ammon, and the Lord delivered them into my hand: wherefore then are ye come up unto me this day, to fight against me?

4 Then Jephthah gathered together all the men of Gilead, and fought with Ephraim: and the men of Gilead smote Ephraim, because they said, Ye Gileadites are fugitives of Ephraim among the Ephraimites, and among the Manassites.

5 And the Gileadites took the passages of Jordan before the Ephraimites: and it was so, that when those Ephraimites which were escaped said, Let me go over; that the men of Gilead said unto him, Art thou an Ephraimite? If he said, Nay;

6 Then said they unto him, Say now Shibboleth: and he said Sibboleth: for he could not frame to pronounce it right. Then they took him, and slew him at the passages of Jordan: and there fell at that time of the Ephraimites forty and two thousand.

7 And Jephthah judged Israel six years. Then died Jephthah the Gileadite, and was buried in one of the cities of Gilead.

8 And after him Ibzan of Bethlehem judged Israel.

9 And he had thirty sons, and thirty daughters, whom he sent abroad, and took in thirty daughters from abroad for his sons. And he judged Israel seven years.

10 Then died Ibzan, and was buried at Bethlehem.

11 And after him Elon, a Zebulonite, judged Israel; and he judged Israel ten years.

12 And Elon the Zebulonite died, and was buried in Aijalon in the country of Zebulun.

13 And after him Abdon the son of Hillel, a Pirathonite, judged Israel.

14 And he had forty sons and thirty nephews, that rode on threescore and ten ass colts: and he judged Israel eight years.

15 And Abdon the son of Hillel the Pirathonite died, and was buried in Pirathon in the land of Ephraim, in the mount of the Amalekites.

Prayers and get well wishes for all essential workers, Robin Saulsberry, Naomi Martin, Wallace Martin, George Hampton, Onita McCoy, Nichole Gamble, Chrystal Gamble, Yvonne Gregory, Lisa Greenwood, Sharon Welborn, Pastor Michael Cunningham, Mildred Cox, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Evans, Roy Taylor, James R. Gregory, John (Pee Wee) Saulsberry, Brenda and Claude Gregory, Elijah Whitaker, Barbara Bishop, Diana Gregory, Tonya Gregory, Minister Janet Cunningham, Homer Stevenson, Arlene Hightower, Charles Burden, Annie L. Bard, Grace Sweeney, Jr., Etta Hocker, Mrs. Dorothy Martin, Tonya Gregory, Nancy G. Walker, Marjorie Harper, Mark Mayhugh, Mack Arthur Dykes, Jr., Johnnie Day, Eura Dell Johnson, Patricia Moppins, Sister Lois Evans, Linda Johnson, Gwen Perry, Andrew Hawkins, Mildred Cox, Nancy Cunningham, Pastor Otis Cunningham Sr., Hannah Wells, Barbara and Hayes Shelton, Oneida and Curtis Shelton, Micky Mayfield, Tammy Hawkins, Angie Hinton, Jimmy Talbott, Ada Wimbly, Jean White, Terry Talbott, pastor Michael Cunningham, Connie Talbott, Sonja Smith, Roger Bard Jr., Aaron Lindsey, Sharon Bard, Sonya Connors, Daphne Mayfield, Vickie Hampton, Bryan Hawkins, Blanche Hawkins, Earlene Williams, Rose Talbott and the elderly, tragedies all over the world, United States of America, President Joe Biden and his cabinet, the Veterans and their families, earthquake survivors, the Haitians, tornado victims and their families, the world, all of our leaders and their families, my prayers are for all of the sick and shut-ins.

Off the Leash

The Knocker-Uppers

By CLEO ROBERSON

Do you remember your very own first alarm clock? Mine was a graduation gift my senior year. Several of my friends got them too. We all felt very prepared for college with our own small, fold up, snap shut alarms. Now, if we could just figure out how to set them and hear them we would be on our way to grown-up adventures and a college degree.



Cleo Roberson

But my little clock had started me wondering. What did people do before alarm clocks and crowing roosters to awaken them? For that matter how did they tell time before watches and personal clocks?

In seeking answers to these questions I found there were always smart ways to wake one's self. Take for instance drinking a lot of extra water to make sure one awoke many times through the night and much earlier than usual. Seemed Native Americans utilized this method well into the 20th century.

Again with water came the clepsydra, a water clock, or 'water thief' used for thousands of years in the beginning of time telling. Then along came Ctesibius of Alexandria who turned the water clock into the first mechanical clock then later by adding a floating bob that struck an alarm once it reached a certain level he found he had fashioned the alarm clock. Later versions of this device had gears that turned and propelled a pellet into a metallic plate creating enough noise to awaken a deep sleeper.



Josh Coldwell, left, received a plaque of appreciation from Central City Lions Club President Mike Mercer on Jan. 18. Coldwell served as club president for four years through the pandemic. (Photos/Greg Lamb)



Dr. Freddie Mayes, left, received a plaque of appreciation from Central City Lions Club President Mike Mercer on Jan. 18. The distinguished service award was presented to Mayes for his efforts to increase club membership and for his leadership on Sight Night, which is the club's primary fundraiser.

Still in foreign territory, Taqi al-Din Muhammad ibn Ma'ruf invented the mechanical peg clock around 1555 that could be made to sound at any time by placing a peg in the desired position. Interestingly peg type clocks were invented around this same time in Western Europe. But most people couldn't afford a peg clock.

And then if you lived in a town, there was always the chance you could hear the local church bells throughout the day marking the passing of the hour.

Of course all along there were sundials and towering obelisks that told time by utilizing the sun's journey across the sky. By looking at the shadows it cast on the ground or against a large flat object marked with the hours of the day we could follow the time at least until sunset. Again, these were great for day time time telling but still lacked information about the p.m. hours or an awakening mode. The average person was left in a precarious position when it came to knowing the time.

And we desperately needed something because with industrialization came factory work with 24-hour shifts.

Because mechanical clocks were rare, expensive, and unreliable during the 1700s-1800s a new profession was born—the Knocker Uppers! The Knocker-Uppers were people paid by the factories to assist their employees in getting to work on time especially on day shift.

The Knocker-Uppers visited the homes of the factory workers and some, utilizing a peashooter loaded with multiple dried peas, shot the peas at the windows of the designated workers. The pea shooting alarm clock would wait outside until the factory worker's face appeared at the window. Then the shooter would re-load and move on to the next worker's window.

Not all Knocker-Uppers used peashooters. Some used long bamboo sticks with a knocker of some sort attached to the end to reach windows on upper floors. Some used short batons to knock on the front doors, but the most inventive used their peashooters. Each Knocker-Upper had 1-100 clients. This job was a very respected position and utilized several police officers moonlighting to supplement their salaries as well.

When the worker's shift changed it was noted on a piece of slate attached to the corner of his house so the Knocker Upper would be aware of the time change.

Most of the Knocker Uppers were men but some were women trying to earn extra money as well. Most of these walking alarm clocks were paid one shilling (1/8th of a dollar) per client per week. The prices charged to the factory by the knocker uppers depended on the time and distance to the clients' houses. Early calls such as 4 a.m. were more expensive than waking hours between 5 and 6 a.m.

By 1950 the profession of Knocker-Upper became almost obsolete because of more affordable, effective alarm clocks. But in some parts of England the profession survived until the 1970s!

And I have to wonder, during the early days of the Knocker-Uppers who knocked them awake?



Greenville Lions Club recently hosted a regional meeting, with members from most of the 19 clubs in attendance. They shared information about service projects and fundraisers. District officers were there, including Jimmy Tipton, Michael Frye, Marina Jenkins, Larry Smith and Patricia Cobb. The Lions Club is one of the largest service organizations in the world, in more than 200 countries. New members are always welcome to join Greenville Lions Club. Pictured here, front row from left to right are Sue Vincent, Audrey Jenkins, Kay West, Linda Dukes, and Patricia Cobb. Back row: Eddie Sumner, Wanda Hughes, Marina Jenkins, Jimmy Tipton, Sharon Smith, Larry Smith, Kelly Tarter, President Terry Southerland and Mike Frye. (Photo/Submitted)

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LEGAL NOTICES

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CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO.
22-CI-00181

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF Vs.

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

JOSHUA SHANE WARD, et al., DEFENDANTS

Judgment \$109,790.56

Pursuant to the Judgment of the Muhlenberg Circuit Court, the Master Commissioner will sell at the **Veteran's Mall between the Judicial Building and the Muhlenberg County Courthouse (if rain-Courthouse front porch)**, Greenville, to the highest bidder on **Thursday the 9TH day of February, 2023, at 12:00 p.m., C.T.**

Property Address: 417 James St, Greenville, KY 42345

PVA Number: 092-04-03-002.000

All property is sold in accordance with the legal description in the Judgment.

The Sale shall be for cash or ten percent (10%) down with thirty (30) days to pay the balance, and the purchaser shall give a bond, with good surety, for the purchase price, payable to the Master Commissioner bearing interest at the rate stated in the Judgment. The purchaser shall pay the real estate taxes for the 2022 tax year and following years.

Al Miller,
Master Commissioner-
47715

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LEGAL NOTICES

The Muhlenberg County Water District #1 does hereby give notice that it will be accepting bids for the purchase of a 2023 304E2 Mini Hydraulic Excavator with approximately 700 hours. Specifications may be obtained at the Muhlenberg County Water office located at 301 Dean Road, Greenville. The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Please turn bids in on the spec sheet obtained from the County Water office. Bids will be opened at the February 27, 2023 Board Meeting at 4:00 p.m. 2-21c

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LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Mayor Eddie Brake
P.O. Box 129
Drakesboro, KY 42337

TDD State Relay Number: 1-800-648-6057

Written comments will be received until the date of the hearing on February 15, 2023. 2-7c

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Mayor Tony Armour
214 N. First Street
Central City, KY 42330

TDD State Relay Number: 1-800-648-6057

Written comments will be received until the date of the hearing on February 15, 2023. 2-7c

LEGAL NOTICES

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 27, 2023, the estate of Donna Mae Simmons, 726 State Route 189 South, Greenville, Kentucky 42345 to Larry Wayne Simmons, Executor, 846 State Route 189 South, Greenville, Kentucky 42345. Attorney representing estate: Beau Sparks, P.O. Box 569, Greenville, Kentucky 42345.

On January 31, 2023, the estate of Lisa Locke, 9535 State Route 175 South, Greenville, Kentucky 42345 to Matt Ragland, Administrator, 6619 State Route 70 West, Bremen, Kentucky 42325. Attorney representing estate: Ryan Driskill, P.O. Box 370, Greenville, Kentucky 42345.

On February 2, 2023, the estate of Brenton Ray Elkins, 481 State Route 890, Greenville, Kentucky 42345 to Barbara Chandler, Administratrix, 481 State Route 890, Greenville, Kentucky 42345. Attorney representing estate: Marcus Little, 33 East Broadway, Madisonville, Kentucky 42431. 2-7c

LEGAL NOTICES

The following settlements have been filed in the Muhlenberg County District Court Office.

Final Settlement, estate of Ashley Liray Carver to Lily Katherine Lowery and Donnie Richardson, Co-Administrators. 2-7c

Marriages

The following marriages were recently recorded in Muhlenberg County:

- Alissa Lee Dowell, 28, of Central City and Brody Nelson Armour, 23, of Central City
- Brittanie Laine Hall, 30, of Dawson Springs and Jonathan Ray Hall, 35, of Dawson Springs
- Terry Cardell Atkins, 30, of Bremen and Gary Dean Nichols, Jr., 41, of Bremen
- Elizabeth Stacy Marie McCoy, 24, of Greenville and Logan Joe Butterworth, 29, of Greenville

NOTICE:

Pennyrile Allied Community Services, Inc. (PACS), will hold a public meeting to discuss and determine the strengths and needs of the county. Residents with low-income and community members are encouraged to attend and voice their concerns. The meeting will be held on February 17, 2023 at The Muhlenberg PACS CSBG Office located at 30 Big John Dr, Greenville, KY 42345.

"This project is funded, in part, under a contract with the Cabinet for Health and Family Services with funds from the Community Service Block Grant Act of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services."

Property Transfers

The following property transfers were recently recorded in Muhlenberg County:

- Laurretta Finch property to Larry McIntosh
- Richard E. Thompson and Jaclynne A. Thompson property to John Peterson
- John W. Hargrove, Raina Ann Vincent, Bronson Vincent and Jonathon Wesley Hargrove property to Makayla Hargrove
- Pendley Farms LLC property to Matthew L. Whitten, Kitty D. Whitten and Kent L. Whitten
- Westview Real Estate LLC property to Teddy Law and Alesia Law
- Patsy Revo by and through her Atty in Fact Robert E. Revo II and Robert E. Revo II property to Joshua T. Staples and Tequia M. Staples
- John Zackery and Shannon Zackery property to Sonnie Burden Jr. and Dana Burden
- Stacy Holman, Colie Allen Holman and Montana Holman property to Brian Thomas Holman
- Vicky E. Geary property to Jeremiah Ethan Simpson and Michelle Simpson
- Sharan Hinkle, Phillip Hinkle III by and through his Attorney in Fact Sharon Hinkle property to Stephen Paul Avery and Misty Denise Avery
- Dolly Loney property to Jerry Mayhugh, Carol Mayhugh and Kim Oliver
- Jewell Garrett property to Brenda Ressel and Patricia Hasche
- Debbie J. Tabb and Raymond K. Tabb property to Navya Pooja LLC
- Michael John McGrath and Lisa Marie McGrath property to Christopher M. Glatfelter Revocable Trust and Sooner Rae Routhier Revocable Trust
- Four E LLC property to Kamlesh Patel and Mitesh Bhavsar
- Mayhugh Group LLC property to Christopher Dillard Smith and Marilyn Jean Smith
- Brent H. James, Amanda James, Doris Jane Howe and Zachary Aaron James property to Zachary Aaron James
- John Hargrove property to Makayla Hargrove

and Joseph Peay
• Jacob Aaron Stewart, Courtney Dawn Stewart and Courtney D. Stewart property to Illissia Cisneros

• Alaina Brett Garner property to Kylee Brooklyn Faith Davis
• Alicia Danyelle Burden and Chris Neely property to Joseph Foster Burden, Jr.

• Muhlenberg County, Hon. Curtis McGehee Judge Executive property to Muhlenberg County Emergency Management, Keith Putnam and Muhlenberg County Long Term Disaster Relief Committee Inc. Freddie M. Mayes
• Edward N. Wester and Michelle S. Wester property to Muhlenberg County

• Church Hill LLC property to Domanique Tuminello LLC
• Betty Jo Inman property to Randy Inman, Jerry Alan Ball and Pamela Renae O'Neal

• Pendley Farms LLC property to Bradley Ledford and Tara Celeste Ledford
• Shirley A. Beard property to Bobby Lynn Antle

• Bryan Piper and Lisa Piper property to William H. Boswell
• William Michael Engler, Executor of the Estate of Yvonne Kay Engler property to Timothy Davis and Melissa Davis

• Danny Goff, Trustee, Jerry Whitmer, Trustee, Sam Newman, Trustee and Browder Missionary Baptist Church property to Richard Pentecost and Dana Pentecost

• David Boggess, by his attorney in fact Glenda K. Boggess, and Glenda K. Boggess property to Jesse Pointer
• Browder Missionary Baptist Church Inc. property to Adam Alverson and Melissa Diane Alverson
• Dana Vincent, Executrix of the Estate of Martha Roark property to Carol Word
• Shannon Lynn Mahan property to Jeremy Mahan

• Daniel E. Knight property to Daniel E. Knight and Lori B. Compton
• Laura M. Scott property to Jared T. Bradley
• Darrell L. Wilcox and

Whitney Wilcox property to Luis R. Sanchez, Jr. and Rebecca A. Sanchez

• Mark R. Cornette, Amy Cornette, Cary Scott Beckleheimer, and Elizabeth Beckleheimer property to Big Blue Nation Holdings LLC

• Billy Gene Holland and Ginger Rena Holland property to Alicia D. Burden

• Jason A. Anderson, Angela Anderson, Ted D. Jessup, Jr. and Sonja Gale Jessup property to A & J Properties of Central City LLC

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• Lester W. Smith, Jr. and Donna Lynn Smith property to Karen Renee White

• Soraya Assar property to Darrell Doss and Angela Doss

• Gary Lynn Gates and April Dawn Gates property to Kelly Lashea Culbertson

• Byron Todd Culbertson property to Rhonda Kay Blakely

• Karen Gehringer property to Christopher T. Urban

• James M. Sallee and Lue G. Sallee property to Michael Rowley

• Chester Dale Sparks property to Trevor J. Higgs

• Lodell Maddox, and Delisa McGuyer, Guardian for Lodell Maddox property to Bella Vita Properties LLC

• Jackie Bryant and Karen Bryant property to William Aiello

• Karen White, Byron Keith White, Gary L. Gates, and April Dawn Gates property to Gary L. Gates and April Dawn Gates

• Brian O'Neal and Patricia O'Neal property to Kelly Holland

• Byron Kevin Choate, Executor of Estate of Carolyn Ruth Carter property to Hugh Hardcastle

• Linda Cooper and Dennis Cooper property to Kenneth Barry Curtis, II, Jessica Curtis, and Kenneth B. Curtis, Sr.

• Charles R. Todd and Karen Todd property to Punneary Ung and Nicole Song Lav

Divorces

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

Court:
• Ruth Annette Louise Rushing and Bobby Dale Rushing

• Summer Nicole Jones and Spencer Kyle Jones
• Cherie Lynn Ware and Irvin Daniel Ware

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From Our Files

A trip down Memory Lane, from the pages of the Leader-News

Fifty Years Ago - 1973
 • It was predicted before the drawing even began that the top three teams in the 10th District would be in the same tournament bracket, and they are! That's right, Central City, Greenville and Bremen, the top three teams in the District, are all three in the lower bracket. Drakesboro and Hughes-Kirk square off in the opening game of the tournament Monday night, followed by Greenville-Central City clash Tuesday and the Bremen-Graham confrontation on Wednesday.
 • Dunmor news: Thursday little Twana Rose Pearson got her hand fastened in a washing machine wringer. Her arm was almost torn off. Her mother tried to pull her out and got her hand caught. The little baby sister, Tracey, saved the day. She pulled the plug and stopped the machine.
 • Richard Neathamer of Drakesboro, a graduate student at Murray State University, has been selected as a member of the 38-piece band to play during the annual "Campus Lights" musical production on the campus Feb. 15-16-17. Neathamer, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Neathamer, is a trumpet major at the university.

Forty Years Ago - 1983
 • Damages caused by an early Monday morning fire in the M & R Shoppe, a retail clothing store in Central City, could reach \$1 million,

according to estimates of local and state investigators. The fire was first discovered by Central City employee Billy Brown, who was running a street sweeper down Broad Street around 3 a.m. when he spotted smoke filtering out from around the front door of the clothing store.
 • It took less than two hours last Friday morning for six volunteer fire departments to distribute 15,000 pounds of government surplus cheese. The 15,000 pounds was the most ever received in the county according to Joe Lovell, Associate Director of Pennyrile Allied Community Services. More is expected in February.
 • Eugene and Lillian Phelps of Cleaton had 14 children to graduate from Drakesboro High School. They range in age from 19-34. They were presented a plaque for this.

Thirty Years Ago - 1993
 • A Muhlenberg County man who jumped bail after his murder conviction appeal was denied was returned to the county Tuesday, January 26. Joe Phillip Dunlap, 45, was brought back to the county by Muhlenberg County Sheriff Wayne Moore and will now face a 40 year sentence after being convicted of the 1990 slaying of Wayne Jarvis.
 • More than 300 Muhlenberg County miners will be affected by the strike by United Mine Workers which



1973: Band Royalty - The King and Queen of the Central City High School Band were crowned Friday night, January 26, following an annual tradition at the school. This year's Queen is Miss Pam Hayes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hayes of Central City. The king is Paul McRee, son of Mr. and Mrs. N.B. McRee of Central City. Standing are last year's Queen, Miss Mary Lynn Gentry and D.D. Sparks, last year's band king.

began at midnight Tuesday. Nearly 7,000 miners began a walkout against Peabody Coal of St. Louis and Eastern Associated Coal Corp. of Charleston, West Virginia. There are 189 miners at the Martwick Mine, 92 at the Ken Mine near Central City, and 45 at River Queen Mine near Central City.
 • The fourth grade classes of Hughes-Kirk Elementary visited the Charolais Coal Mines in Hopkins County. Mr. Donald Bowles, owner of the mines, met the

students at the pit. He explained how the mine works. The dragline was shut down so the students could go inside to see how it removes the earth's surface from the coal.

Twenty Years Ago - 2003
 • Dennis Walker from the Central City Post Office raises the flag to half mast at the beginning of the day Tuesday in memory of the Columbia crew who were lost in a tragic explosion upon reentry to the earth's

atmosphere Saturday morning.
 • Muhlenberg North High School students were greeted at the doors of the school by uniformed police officers with metal detectors Friday morning as school officials took seriously a threat of violence against students. A note found in a boy's restroom Wednesday prompted MNHS Principal Denny Vincent to notify Muhlenberg County Chief of Police Scott Bivins.
 • Two proposed busi-

nesses have been give the go ahead from the state Department of Alcohol and beverage Control to open package liquor stores in Central City. The liquor licenses were issued to Raymond Ellison, Brenda Ellison, R. Lynn Ellison and Shannon Ellison, who plan to open The Liquor Stop on Everly Brothers Boulevard.
Ten Years Ago - 2013
 • Keith Putnam of Muhlenberg County Emergency Management reports that the storm on Wednesday morning was two distinct weather events, as confirmed by officials with the National Weather Service in Paducah. A microburst began in Todd County and traveled into Muhlenberg County leaving a 14-plus mile swath of damage. The second event was an EF2 tornado with peak winds of 120 miles per hour causing damage in Penrod.
 • Muhlenberg Community Hospital is kicking off a year-long celebration marking 75 years in the community. The hospital opened Feb. 10, 1938 with 38 beds and a mission to serve the people of Muhlenberg County.
 • Dakota McKinney and Zack Tarter combined for 45 points on Friday night to lead Muhlenberg County to a 65-62 victory over Hopkins County Central at the West Campus gym. McKinney finished with 26 points and six rebounds, while Tarter tossed in 19 points including five 3-pointers.

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