# 'Pretty Little Baby' reborn on TikTok

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FOR THE DAILY INDEPENDENT

**ASHLAND** A hit song from the 1950s has made a comeback on TikTok.

Pop singer Connie Francis had her first hit with "Who's Sorry Now," but it's a different song that's getting the attention now.

"Pretty Little Baby" has become a viral TikTok sensation, with people lip syncing to the song, often times with a parent dancing with a baby. The song was from her album "Connie Francis Sings Second Hand Love & Other Hits" in 1962. It wasn't released as a single, which makes its recent success even more special.

"Pretty Little Baby" hit No. 1 on two charts, TikTok's Viral 50 and Top 50 charts. More than 17 Million Tik-Tok videos of it have a combined 27 billion global views.

Local residents have taken notice. "It's kind of incredible; a song like 'Pretty Little Baby' finding new life 63 years later is proof that music really does transcend time," Laura Geremia, owner of SoAsh Haberdash, said.

"The tenderness in the song really resonates, and that's what inspired us to use it in our reel." Geremia revealed she is pregnant and her baby is due in September. She said she probably will do a "Pretty Little Baby"

TikTok with her baby. Christina Wamsley, co-owner of Local Mercantile, said she's an avid TikTok user.

"It's more than just a trend; it's influencing how people live, shop and connect," Wamsley said. "Some sounds, like this one in particular, go so viral that people jump on the trend without even knowing where the sound originated."

Francis charted 35 Top 40 hits, more than any female between 1955-1965. when women didn't receive as much radio airplay. Elvis Presley led men with 62 Top 40 hits by the time Francis charted her last hit in May 1964.

"It's a very popular sound," recent University of Kentucky graduate Gracey Gerrard said of the song. "It's a pretty song, very feminine. I like the old music," Gerrard said, noting she watches TikTok frequently.

McKenna Hill said she has seen the video used by people who wanted to show off their pets. "I think they're adorable," she said.

Another person who has seen pets used in the "Pretty Little Baby" Tik-Toks is Donald Salmons, who works at Carter's in Ashland Town Center. Salmons said there is a parody of people bathing their pets to "Pretty Little Baby." He said it shows one with a dog being bathed, and these words come

on the screen: "You need a shower. You smell a little sour."

"I think it's funny, I think it's cute," Salmons said.

Wamsley, Geremia and Haley Layman made a TikTok to the music of "Pretty Little Baby," but it doesn't include people or pets. "Luckily for us it worked," Layman said. "It's fitting for our store. It's a girly thing. It made sense for us to use it."

She is a co-owner of Local Mercantile. The TikTok spotlights and promotes merchandise in Local Mercantile, and SoAsh Haberdash. "It felt like the right moment to tap into that same energy in our small business, celebrating the small things that bring joy or comfort," said Geremia.

When told of the success on Tik-Tok, Francis, 87 and living in Florida, said, "What's TikTok?"

She went on to tell People magazine, "I tell you the truth, I didn't even remember the song! I had to listen to it to remember."

Then, Francis made her own "Pretty Little Baby" TikTok with her dog, nabbing six million views.

She continues to be pleased with the song's revival.

'To think that a song I recorded 63 years ago is touching the hearts of millions of people is truly awesome. It is an amazing feeling," she said.

## Affordable health screenings coming to Ashland

STAFF REPORT

**ASHLAND** Ashland residents can learn about risks for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. Ashland Elks Lodge BPOE 350 at 900 Carter Ave. will

host this community event on July 9.

Screenings can check for: The level of plaque buildup in your arteries, related to risk for cardiovascular disease, stroke and overall vascular health

• HDL and LDL cholesterol levels Diabetes risk

· Kidney and thy-

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roid function, and more Screenings are

affordable and convenient. Free parking also is available.

Special package pricing starts at \$159, but consultants will work with you to create a package right for you based on your

age and risk factors. Pre-registration is required. Call (877) 237-1287 or visit lifelinescreening.com.

## **NEWS IN BRIEF**

## **Sock hop, car show** set at Morning Pointe RUSSELL

A sock hop and classic car show are planned for noon to 2 p.m. Saturday at Morning Pointe Assisted Living and Memory Care.

Attendees are encouraged to wear poodle skirts or cropped pants and cat-eye glasses.

Lee Dean will appear as Elvis. There also will be raffle tickets, inflatables, festive live music, dunk tank, cotton candy and popcorn and other food vendors.

Morning Pointe is at 1000 Addington Drive.

### Backpack program getting underway ASHLAND

The Young Professionals of Northeastern Kentucky's backpack program is underway, in an effort to ensure local children will be ready to return to school this fall.

To participate, take a backpack card and purchase supplies, including a fresh outfit and comfortable shoes.

Those for kindergarteners through fifth-graders will be due by Aug. 1.

For more information, call Heather Moore at (606) 923-6315 or Sydni Pierce at (606) 571-5679.

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#### Notice of Kentucky Power Company's Application

for Approval of an Amended Environmental Compliance Plan, Recovery of Additional Costs Through Amendment of the Company's Tariff E.S., and for All Regulatory Approvals Necessary to Continue Taking Capacity and Energy from its Coal-Fired Mitchell Plant After December 31, 2028

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Kentucky Power Company will file on or after June 30, 2025 an application with the Public Service Commission of Kentucky seeking approval of its amended environmental compliance plan to add Project 23 to Kentucky Power's existing environmental compliance plan (Compliance Plan) and seeking all required regulatory approvals for Kentucky Power to make the investments necessary to continue taking capacity and energy from its Mitchell Plant after December 31, 2028. Kentucky Power also will seek approval of amendments to its Tariff E.S. (Environmental Surcharge) to reflect the Compliance Plan and to implement a revised Environmental Surcharge to recover the costs of the Compliance Plan. Kentucky Power's application has been assigned case number 2025-00175.

Project 23 comprises the installation of a flue-gas desulfurization biological treatment system with ultrafiltration at the Mitchell Plant, which was installed and fully in-service as of August 4, 2024, and is currently being paid for entirely by Wheeling Power Company, the other 50% undivided owner of the plant, Project 23 is required for compliance with the Steam Electric Effluent Limitation Guidelines Rule issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency in order



to allow its Mitchell Plant to continue operating as a coal-fired generating facility after December 31, 2028.

The Environmental Surcharge rate changes monthly. The most recent Environmental Surcharge rate for the April 2025 expense month, which was billed in June 2025, was 6.0495% of revenue for residential customers and 10.2106% of revenue for all other classes. Using the April 2025 rate, the addition of Project 23 would result in an estimated increase in the Environmental Surcharge rate from 6.0495% to 8.1162% for residential customers and from 10.2106% to 13.6990% for all other classes

Kentucky Power is proposing that the changes to the Environmental Surcharge associated with Project 23 go into effect with the January 2026 billing cycle, which begins December 31, 2025. The impact on the total monthly bill amount for residential customer classes is estimated to be an increase of 2.02%, and the impact on the total monthly bill amount for non-residential customer classes is estimated to be an increase of 1.99%. For the average residential customer using 1,189 kWh per month, the increase in the customer's total monthly bill is estimated to be \$3.68.

Information regarding the effect on customer bills by customer classification is presented in the table below:

Customer Classification	Annual \$ Increase for Class	Annual Percent Change	Annual Average Usage (kWh)*	Monthly Average Usage (kWh)*	Monthly Average Customer Demand (kW)*	ent Monthly age Bill \$*	· · ·		Monthly \$ Increase		Monthly Percent Increase
R.S.	\$5,772,231	2.02%	14,268	1,189	0	\$ 181.74	\$	185.42	\$	3.68	2.02%
S.G.S T.O.D.	\$7,331,585	1.99%	15,156	1,263	0	\$ 221.33	\$	225.74	\$	4.41	1.99%
M.G.S T.O.D.			50,556	4,213	2	\$ 642.10	\$	654.88	\$	12.78	
G.S.			19,560	1,630	6	\$ 283.24	\$	288.88	\$	5.64	
L.G.S.			826,176	68,848	216	\$ 9,973.75	\$	10,172.26	\$	198.51	
I.G.S.			37,781,100	3,148,425	5,411	\$ 250,003.87	\$	254,979.76	\$	4,975.89	
M.W.			219,096	18,258	27	\$ 2,523.03	\$	2,573.24	\$	50.22	
0.L.			684	57	0	\$ 16.45	\$	16.78	\$	0.33	
S.L.**			660	55	0	\$ 13.43	\$	13.70	\$	0.27	

\* Based on 12-months ending May 2025

#### \*\* Number of lamps, not customers

Any person by timely written request for intervention filed with the Public Service Commission may request leave to intervene in the Commission proceeding to review Kentucky Power's application. The motion shall be submitted to the Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, P. O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615, and shall establish the grounds for the request, including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within 30 days of the initial publication of this notice the Commission may take final action on the tariff filing.

Written comments on the Company's proposals may be submitted to the Public Service Commission by mail to the address listed above or via the Commission's website: https://psc.ky.gov. The rates and terms of service contained in this notice are the rates and terms of service proposed by Kentucky Power; the Commission may order rates to be charged and/or terms of service that differ from the proposed rates and terms of service contained in this notice.

Any person may examine the Company's application at Kentucky Power's offices located at 1645 Winchester Avenue, Ashland, Kentucky 41101; 12333 Kevin Avenue, Ashland, KY 41102; 1400 E. Main St. Hazard, KY 41701; and 3249 North Mayo Trail, Pikeville, KY 41501; or by visiting the Company's website: www.kentuckypower.com.

A copy of the Company's application and any related documents Kentucky Power may file with the Public Service Commission may be examined Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. at the offices of the Commission at the address listed above, or through the Commission's website: https://psc.ky.gov.

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