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Trump Inaugurated As 47th President Of The United States

J.D. Vance, Who Has Family Ties To East Ky., Is 50th Vice President



President Donald Trump

By Miranda M. Cantrell

Donald J. Trump and J.D. Vance were inaugurated as 47th President and 50th Vice President of the United States on Monday, Jan. 20, in Washington, D.C.

Trump — who previously served as 45th President of the United States from 2017 to 2021 — took the oath of office in the U.S. Capitol building due to bitterly cold temperatures.

The former real estate developer and reality television host is only the second president to be elected to two non-consecutive terms. The first was Grover Cleveland, who served from 1885 to 1889, and again from 1893 to 1897.

On his first day back in office, the president issued numerous executive orders, including the repeal of several Biden-era actions and the declaration of a national border/immigration emergency.

Trump enjoyed large margins of victory in Elliott County and Kentucky in 2016, 2020 and 2024 over Hillary Clinton, Joe Biden and Kamala Harris.

J.D. Vance — former U.S. Senator from Ohio and U.S. Marine Corps veteran — was born and raised Middletown, Ohio, primarily by his grandmother, the late Beathitt County, Ky., native Bonnie Vance.

Bonnie Vance was a prominent figure in the vice presi-



Vice President J.D. Vance

dent's 2016 bestselling memoir titled *Hillbilly Elegy*, which was adapted into the Ron Howard-directed film of the same name in 2020.

The vice president — who frequently acknowledges his ancestral connection to Eastern Kentucky — visited Breathitt County the week before the inauguration to dine at a Jackson eatery and to visit his grandmother's grave in a family cemetery.

Trump and Vance were accompanied by their wives, Melania and Usha, and children as they greeted supporters at several inaugural balls and other festivities on Monday night.

Less for more: Grocery prices up 25% since 2019

Jan. 17 — Two hundred dollars on groceries used to mean you could eat very well. Now, going to the grocery store seems to come with a punch to your bank account at the checkout counter.

Over the past six years, NPR's Alina Selyukh has been tracking Walmart's prices to analyze just how much the cost of groceries has increased.

"Compared to 2019, prices on my list, on average, rose 25%... And that's not far from federal inflation data: Cumulatively, U.S. prices are up 23% since 2019," according to Selyukh, who attributed the majority of price increases to issues related to COVID. "The pandemic shifts were seismic."

While a Walmart representative wrote in a statement to NPR that the company is "committed to providing an Every

Day Low Price experience both in stores and online," it has had to keep up with increases in shipping and manufacturing costs leading to a higher total at the checkout counter, wrote Selyukh and NPR's Juweck Adolphe.

Shipping cost increases led to more expensive fertilizer and paper for packaging, for example. Also, "U.S. companies are paying higher import fees — and passing some of that cost on to shoppers," Selyukh and Adolphe wrote.

Not only are the items in the shopping cart growing more expensive, but Selyukh and Adolphe have noticed reductions in the quantity of some items. "Tide liquid laundry detergent now comes in a smaller container — 84 ounces instead of 100 ounces — but costs \$1 more," they wrote.

- ## Birthdays
- ### Happy Birthday
- Libby Griffith, Jan. 22.
 - Wilma Vanhooze, Jan. 22.
 - Linda Porter, Jan. 22.
 - Carolyn Fultz, Jan. 23.
 - Nancy V. White, Jan. 24.
 - Tammy Newell, Jan. 24.
 - Aaron Sturgill, Jan. 25.
 - Chris Keeton, Jan. 25.
 - Kevin Adkins, Jan. 25.
 - Esta Newell Kennard, Jan. 25.
 - Marion Lewis, Jan. 26.
 - Dale Ferguson, Jan. 26.
 - Kara Aldridge, Jan. 26.
 - Tina Warne Ferguson, Jan. 26.
 - Tina Riggsby, Jan. 26.

- Evan Skaggs, Jan. 27.
 - Kimberley Horton, Jan. 27.
 - Melissa Penix, Jan. 27.
 - Rylan Garner, Jan. 27.
 - Brook Wilder Manke, Jan. 28.
 - (Grandson of Kradell and Carol Sturgill)
 - Donnie Brickey, Jan. 29.
 - Rebecca Hitch, Jan. 30.
 - Carl Carter, Jan. 31.
- ### Birthday Remembrances
- Elizabeth Stanley, Jan. 22.
 - Clyde Howard, Jan. 26.
 - Charlene B. Ferguson, Jan. 28.
 - Michael Keith Whitley, Jan. 30.
- ### Happy Anniversary
- Larry and Ramona Brickey Bailey, Jan. 25.

Hal Rogers retains chairmanship on key committee

WASHINGTON, DC — U.S. House Appropriations Committee Chairman Tom Cole (R-OK) announced Republican subcommittees for the 119th Congress. U.S. Congressman Hal Rogers (KY-5), Dean of the House, will continue serving as chairman of the subcommittee that funds Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies (CJS). Rogers was also added to the subcommittee on Transportation and will remain a senior member on the Defense subcommittee.

"The CJS subcommittee not only funds the agencies in our purview, but we ensure they are held accountable for efficiency, effectiveness and rooting out waste," said Chairman Rogers. "The 12 appropriations subcommittees hold the purse strings of our nation for discretionary funding, which now only makes up one-third of our spending. Our work is critical for our economic and military strength, and I applaud Chairman Cole for his steady and devout leadership for our nation."

Voters ...

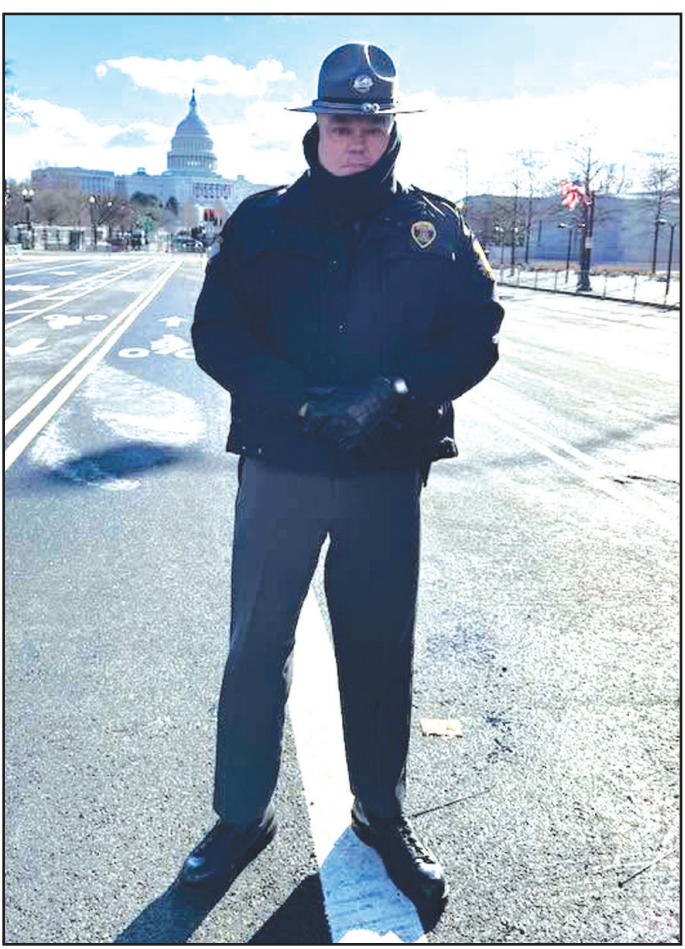
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electorate, with 1,499,867 voters. Democratic registration fell by 2,970 voters, a .20 percent decrease. There are 385,339 voters registered as Independent or under other political affiliations, 11 percent of the electorate. "Other" registration climbed by 2,069 voters, a .54 percent increase.

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KSP Post 8 Troopers Help Provide Security At Trump Inauguration

Pictured is Kentucky State Police Post 8 Trooper Mike McPherson, of Morgan County, in Washington D.C., where he and other troopers from throughout the Commonwealth helped provide security for the inauguration of President Donald J. Trump on Monday, Jan. 20. In the background is the U.S. Capitol building, where the swearing-in ceremony was conducted due to bitterly cold temperatures and wind chills. "Our job was to provide security along the motorcade route," McPherson said. "I was able to get a photo of the president's car as he went by." Also joining McPherson on Inauguration Day was fellow Post 8 Trooper Paul Thomas, of Rowan County, who was part of the security detail for country singer Carrie Underwood. Underwood sang "America The Beautiful" inside the Capitol following Trump's inauguration speech.



FEMA ...

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within 30 days of the date of the public notice.

For the latest information on the Kentucky remnants of Hurricane Helene recovery efforts, visit www.fema.gov/disaster/4848.

While Hurricane Helene, a category 4 storm, caused historic, catastrophic damage

across the southeastern United States, according to the National Weather Service wind gusts up to 65 miles per hour were reported across Kentucky.

The Kentucky Association of Counties says the heavy rainfall and high winds resulted in thousands of downed power lines and hundreds of broken utility poles, leaving more than 250,000 Kentucky homes and businesses without electricity. Louisville Gas & Electric and

Kentucky Utilities described Helene as the fourth-largest weather event to impact their customers over the past 20 years.

LIHEAP ...

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munity Action agencies, please visit the Community Action Kentucky website at www.CAPKY.org.

Today the President begins his...

...second term in the White House!

Kids: color stuff in!

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Presidential Inauguration 2025

I love flying over all the events!

On January 20, 2025, Donald Trump will become our country's 47th president. That date, **Inauguration Day**, is when a newly elected president officially takes office. President Trump's first day will be very busy — full of speeches, services, parades, parties and dancing. Every four years, millions of people around the world watch Inauguration events on television. Will you be watching?

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle with some fun things to know about Donald Trump.

- _____ 47th U.S. President in 2024
- _____ person to take the oath (78 years, 220 days old at Inauguration)
- earlier, served as 45th _____ of the U.S.
- born in _____, New York in 1946
- _____, Mary Anne Macleod Trump, came to America from Scotland in 1930

When Presidents change, the movers shift everything in and out of the White House in about five hours!

My name is Andrew Jackson. When I became President in 1829 my Inauguration Day did not go smoothly. A swarm of supporters came into the White House to celebrate. There were so many people that it was hard to move. Plates, glasses and furniture were damaged or broken. I left the party to sleep in a nearby hotel!

Here is a schedule of what usually happens on **Inauguration Day** for a President-elect and his family. **Match each event to its description:**

- Wreath** Laying Ceremony
- Vice President's** Swearing-In ceremony
- President's** Swearing-In ceremony
- Inaugural **Address**
- Departure** of the outgoing President
- Inaugural **Luncheon**
- Inaugural **Parade**
- Inaugural **Balls**
- National **Prayer** Service
- New President and First Lady escort former President and First Lady from the Capitol.
- President-elect gives an oath pledging to serve the American people. This is the moment when the President-elect becomes the President!
- Vice President-elect gives oath to uphold American values.
- Many groups in Washington D.C. hold fancy celebrations in the evening.
- This is held after ceremonies are over; more people are expected to attend this than any other event; balloons and confetti will rain onto the streets.
- President and Vice President go to a religious service at Washington National Cathedral.
- President-elect visits Arlington National Cemetery, lays flowers to honor fallen soldiers.
- Food prepared to the taste of incoming President; served to politicians, family and friends.
- After being sworn in, new President speaks to the American people of future plans.

Pets at the White House

Lots of different pets have lived at the White House. Can you find and circle these?

hamster
sheep
cow
snake
badger

horse
bobcat
bear
canary
dog
cat
zebra
rooster
raccoon
elephant

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