

FEMA posts initial public notice of intent to assist Kentucky for April flooding

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FEMA has posted an initial public notice online announcing its intent to provide financial assistance to the Commonwealth of Kentucky to support Kentucky survivors who experienced loss as the result of the April severe storms, straight-line winds, tornadoes, flooding, landslides and mudslides.

This notice applies to the Individual Assistance, Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation grants programs implemented under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5207. This public notice concerns activities that may affect historic properties, activities that are located in or affect wetland areas and the 100-year floodplain, and activities that may involve critical

actions within the 500-year floodplain.

Interested persons may obtain information about these actions or a specific project by writing to the Federal Emergency Management Agency Region IV - 3005 Chamblee Tucker Rd., Atlanta, Ga. 30341-4112 or by emailing FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov. Please include in the subject line of the email "DR-4860-KY EHAD PROGRAM-MATIC 8-STEP Utilities" or DR-4860-KY EHAD PROGRAMMATIC 8-STEP Roads." Comments should be sent in writing at the above address within 15 days of the date of this notice.

For more information about Kentucky flooding recovery, visit www.fema.gov/disaster/4864. Follow the FEMA Region 4 X account at x.com/femaregion4.

AAA: Decrease at the pump in Kentucky

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Gas prices in West Central Kentucky are nine cents lower this week, at \$2.689 per gallon, according to AAA East Central's Gas Price Report.

NATIONWIDE TRENDS:

The national average for a gallon of regular dropped two cents since last week to \$3.13. Fall is officially here as of last Monday, bringing lower gas prices and winter-blend gasoline which is cheaper to produce. The Environmental Protection Agency requires that retailers can start selling winter-blend gasoline as of Sept. 16. Pacific Northwest drivers are getting some relief now that a pipeline issue has been resolved and pump prices are trending downward. The Atlantic hurricane season is halfway over, but the Gulf region remains a concern for the next two months if there is storm activity that affects refineries in the area.

According to new data from

the Energy Information Administration (EIA), gasoline demand increased from 8.81 million barrels per day last week to 8.95 million. Total domestic gasoline supply decreased from 217.6 million barrels to 216.6 million. Gasoline production increased last week, averaging 9.7 million barrels per day.

At the close of last Wednesday's formal trading session, West Texas Intermediate rose \$1.58 to settle at \$64.99 a barrel. The EIA reports crude oil inventories decreased by 0.6 million barrels from the previous week. At 414.8 million barrels, U.S. crude oil inventories are about 4% below the five-year average for this time of year.

The national average per kilowatt hour of electricity at a public EV charging station stayed the same this past week at 36 cents.

WEST CENTRAL KENTUCKY AVERAGES
Today \$2.689
One Week Ago \$2.773

One Year Ago \$2.744
Record Price Date 6/13/2022

Record Price \$4.742
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The nation's top 10 most expensive gasoline markets are California (\$4.64), Washington (\$4.57), Hawaii (\$4.48), Oregon (\$4.21), Nevada (\$3.90), Alaska (\$3.88), Arizona (\$3.57), Idaho (\$3.50), Utah (\$3.39), and Illinois (\$3.37).

The nation's top 10 least expensive gasoline markets are Oklahoma (\$2.66), Mississippi (\$2.68), Louisiana (\$2.72), Texas (\$2.73), Tennessee (\$2.75), Arkansas (\$2.76), Alabama (\$2.78), Kentucky (\$2.81), Missouri (\$2.84), and South Carolina

(\$2.85).

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The nation's top 10 most expensive states for public charging per kilowatt hour are Alaska (51 cents), West Virginia (47 cents), Hawaii (46 cents), South Carolina (45 cents), New Hampshire (43 cents), Tennessee (43 cents), Alabama (43 cents), Arkansas (42 cents), Montana (42 cents), and Louisiana (42 cents).

The nation's top 10 least expensive states for public charging per kilowatt hour are Kansas (25 cents), Maryland (28 cents), Missouri (28 cents), Nebraska (28 cents), Utah (28 cents), Delaware (31 cents), Vermont (32 cents), North Carolina (32 cents), Colorado (33 cents), and Iowa (34 cents).

Motorists can find current gas prices nationwide, statewide, and county-wide at gasprices.aaa.com.

OCTC to host annual 5k G.G. Talbot, III Memorial Run

Event to take place on Saturday, Nov. 1

BY HAILEY PICKLE

Owensboro Community & Technical College (OCTC) is excited to announce its 39th Annual Grant G. Talbot, III Memorial Run. The event will take place on Saturday, Nov. 1, 2025, beginning at 9 a.m.

Check-in and race-day registration will be held at OCTC's Main Campus, located at 4800 New Hartford Road,

beginning at 7:30 a.m. A complimentary trolley service will transport participants from campus to the starting line at Legion Park on East Byers Avenue. The course will proceed along Veach Road and finish back at the OCTC Main Campus.

The 5K is open to runners and walkers of all ages and abilities. Awards will be presented to top finishers in several age divisions, and all participants will be eligible for door prizes, including a \$250 cash drawing. Door prizes, drawings, and trophies are limited to those who attend in person.

Proceeds from the event benefit

OCTC students by providing scholarships, student support services, and other resources that enhance the overall educational experience.

The run is held in memory of Grant G. "G.G." Talbott, III, a long-time counselor at OCTC and former teacher at Owensboro High School. Talbott, who coordinated the road race from 1998 through 2007, was dedicated to supporting students and encouraging their success. The event continues to honor his legacy and remains one of the region's longest-running community 5Ks.

Kentucky Wesleyan to present Ellie Magnuson Lecture

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Connie White, M.D., M.S., F.A.C.O.G., will present the Ellie Magnuson Lecture in Literature and Science at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 4 in Tapscott Chapel in the Barnard-Jones Administration Building at Kentucky Wesleyan Col-

lege.

Her topic is "Adverse and Positive Childhood Experiences: Changing the Trajectory of a Life." The event is free and open to the public. It will be livestreamed on the Kentucky Wesleyan College YouTube page.

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