### **Government/Church**

# Snacks, battery plants announced

#### Team Kentucky

FRANKFORT — In his weekly Team Kentucky update on Thursday, Gov. Andy Beshear touched on economic development, the launch of New Kentucky Home, awards to improve Kentucky's railways and the Purple Star Schools program.

The governor named former Assistant Attorney General Lana Grandon as this week's Team Kentucky All-Star.

#### DEVELOPMENT

Beshear said that Kentucky has two historic economic development announcements, including the ribbon-cutting Friday for Stellar Snacks, the largest economic development project in West Louisville in decades.

On Wednesday, the governor joined company executives and Elizabethtown Community and Technical College faculty to tour the ECTC BlueOval SK Training Center, which will provide training for the 5,000 jobs that are expected at the BlueOval SK Battery Park.

BlueOval SK already has hired approximately 750 workers for the Glendale site.

The company is hiring more workers now. Fill out a job application at BlueOvalSK.com.

On Friday, Beshear was joined by local leaders and executives from Shelbyville Battery Manufacturing, a subsidiary of e-Storage, to announce the largest economic development project in Shelby County's history and the largest jobs announcement in the commonwealth in more than two years.

The nearly \$712 million project creating 1,572 skilled, high-tech jobs represents the third-largest project for job creation during the administration and the fourth-largest invest-

The project will establish a state-

of-the-art, six-gigawatt hour battery cell, module and packaging manufacturing facility in a 1 million-squarefoot building located on Logistics Drive in Shelbyville. Production at the Shelbyville plant is expected to begin by the end of 2025.

#### NEW KENTUCKY HOME

Beshear on Tuesday announced New Kentucky Home, a strategic initiative to further drive economic investment, attract and retain talent and increase tourism across the commonwealth.

New Kentucky Home is a comprehensive marketing initiative that will serve as a reintroduction of Kentucky to the world, showcasing the state's vibrant economy, natural beauty, cultural richness and welcoming communities.

#### **RAILWAY PROJECTS**

The governor announced a \$7.5 million state investment for eight Kentucky railway projects to maintain and enhance existing infrastructure.

The projects were selected to retain and attract new business.

The grants will fund the replacement of cross ties; updates to communications equipment and capabilities; brush removal and drainage optimization; replacing, upgrading or extending old rail lines; and construction of new track.

#### **PURPLE STAR**

Following Veterans Day, the governor highlighted Kentucky's Purple Star School program, designed to help schools across the commonwealth provide the best possible resources for military families.

In 2022, Beshear and First Lady Britainy Beshear helped launch the Purple Star School program in Kentucky. Two years later, the common-

wealth now has more than 130 participating schools, and three "All Purple Star Counties" where every school in the county is certified. These are Christian County, Monroe County and, as of last week, Meade County.

"Kentucky has over 40,000 mili-tary children," Beshear said. "These children make sacrifices daily so their loved ones can serve and protect our country.

"From deployment to relocation, these challenges can be difficult for families, but programs like this one can help.

'We are so grateful to our schools that have taken on the Purple Star challenge, and we encourage any schools that haven't to get certified now."

For schools interested in participating, the next round of applications closes on Feb. 15, 2025. Visit KYPurpleStar.org to apply.

#### ALL-STAR

The governor named long-standing public servant Lana Grandon this week's Team Kentucky All-Star.

Grandon passed away earlier this month. She was the longest continuously serving female assistant attorney general. Her legal legacy included numerous published opinions, statewide task forces and legislative initiatives — all of which she worked on to help support crime victims.

I had the honor of working with Lana when she served as an assistant attorney general in the AG's Office," Beshear said.

"Lana also joined us during this administration helping others. She was a tireless advocate for crime victims and their families during the worst times of their life.

"Britainy and I send our deepest condolences to Lana's family, friends and colleagues. She was a remarkable woman and a true Team Kentucky All-Star."

# **County clerk perfect in state scrutiny check**

#### Kentucky Auditor's Office

FRANKFORT—The Pendleton County Clerk of Courts Office received a clean bill of health from Kentucky Auditor of Public Accounts Allison Bell.

Clerk of Courts Rita Spencer applied for an Agreed-Upon Procedures engagement in lieu of an audit.

performed "Auditors the procedures, which were agreed to by the Pendleton County Clerk, on receipts and disbursements, excess fees, recordkeeping, and leases, contracts, and liabilities for the period Jan. 1, 2023 through Dec. 31, 2023," Bell stated.

ings against the county) were identified in the AUP engagement of the Pendleton County Clerk," she stated.

Among the 15 procedures that were checked included:

• Determine that the county clerk's fourth quarter financial statement agrees to the county clerk's receipts ledger and disbursements ledger. Variances in total receipts or total disbursements that exceed 1% of gross receipts or exceed \$20,000 will be reported.

• Determine if the county clerk reconciles all bank mine the reconciled ending balances and if bank reconciliations are accurate.

• Determine if receipts are properly accounted for by comparing batched receipts to daily check-out sheets, deposit tickets, receipts ledger, and bank statements for a randomly selected week.

• Judgmentally select 15 operating disbursements from the county clerk's records and agree amounts paid to invoices or other supporting documentation and canceled checks. Determine if the disbursement is for official business. Inspect all credit card statements (if any) to determine if disbursements are for official business. • Scan lease agreements

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and service contracts and compare to actual payments. Determine if services received were appropriate, for official business, and properly authorized. Determine if liabilities requiring disclosure were properly disclosed on the fourth quarter financial statement.

No problems were reported in any of the procedures and records.

"The county clerk's responsibilities include collecting certain taxes, issuing licenses, maintaining county records, and providing other services. The clerk's office is funded through statutory fees collected in conjunction with these duties," according to the commonwealth.

# CHURCH NEWS

## Blanket Creek

What a wonderful day we had worshiping the Lord! During Sunday school we had a request to move a membership. Then we started with praise hymns and had 2 baptisms- one young man and an 80 year young man. The message was 2 Samuel 23-8-17. "Medal of Honor" honoring our veterans past and present. Afterward we had pizza and packed 100 shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. Thank you to all who helped: young, old and new members!

We are growing at Blanket Creek but there is still room for more. Come worship with us at 10 and 11 a.m.

### **Butler Christ** Community

Greetings friends, God loves you and so do we.

We are so appreciative to everyone who came out and supported our Christmas auction on Saturday evening. We came near to breaking our record. Many thanks to Clay, Marvin and Keith for carrying on such a successful event. Our graduates and others will benefit mightily from your generosity.

We will be Hanging the Greens following services on December 1.

On December 7 the ladies will be traveling to Brenda's house at 1 p.m. for their fun and festive Christmas party.

Wednesday evening bible study continues for both the men and women's group. They are learning so much in both groups.

Please pray with us for all the sick, sad, lonely, broken hearted, lost, and confused. Love them up with your prayers.

God bless us all.

#### New Life Wesleyan

We are making this known to the public because we want others to have the opportunity to give if they would choose to. Our church is accepting donations to install a new church parking lot. Right now our area to park is sometimes muddy and water soaked. We desperately need a new parking lot!!! Anyone feeling a desire to donate towards this project, would be a huge blessing to New Life Wesleyan Church. Donations can be made out to New Life Wesleyan Church 420 Monument Street, Falmouth, KY 41040. God bless you. Pendleton County Coop of Churches annual Thanksgiving service is November 24 at 6 p.m. at Falmouth Baptist Church. Pastor Nick Errico will be preaching and Troy Wolfe will bring special music. Everyone is welcome.

#### Oakland

Our message today was on "The End Times: the Rapture", using I Thessalonians 4:13-18 as text.

Our annual Thanksgiving meal is 5 p.m. on November 24. Sue Conley and Tom Mitchell will bring a special concert after the meal.

December 5 is opening night, 7 p.m., for Kincaid Theatre's comedic production of "Church Basement Ladies - Away in the Basement".

Our prayer concerns include Bobby Johnson, Connie Jo Bowling Charles Klaber, Bro. Mike Flynn, Gary Bruin, Janice Wolfe, Jenny Wright, Gage Powell, Shirley Harp, Luther Blevins, Paul and Joyce Dedman, cancer/covid issues, shut-ins, our nation, and our military.

Our sympathy to loved ones of Connie Butts, Betty Ferguson, and J.W. Crail.

#### Pleasant Ridge

Bro. Mark's message was from 2 Corinthians 12:7-9.

Because of the experiences I had were tremendous, God was afraid 1 would be conceded. So I was given a physical condition which has been a thorn in my flesh. We don't know what that condition was Paul begged God to make him well again. Each time God said no, but I am with you, that is all you need. My power shows up best in weak people. Now Paul was glad to boast about how weak he was. But he was glad to be a living demonstration of Christ's power.

We supply the weakness God supplies the power God is sufficient for what we need at the time.

#### Turner Ridge

Sunday Bro. Dale recognized the Veterans in our service and had prayer. During the children's message, In Remembrance of Me" from Corinthians 11:26-29, Bro. Dale told how we would all need to remember Jesus' time on the cross, so we have the Lord's Supper to remember what Jesus did for us.

Kip Gregg read Ephesians 1:22-23 followed by the praise team special Thank You Jesus for the Blood. The message was The Head Of The Church from Colossians 1:17-18 "He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together. Christ is also the head of the church. which is his body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. So he is first in everything." After the message we observed the Lord's Supper passed out by the Deacons of the church. "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Luke 22:19.

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accounts monthly. Re-perform the bank reconciliations for all accounts as of Dec. 31, 2023 to deter-

# AG calls for protection from spy tech in cars

#### Attorney General's Office

FRANKFORT — Attorney General Russell Coleman called on Washington to crack down on connected vehicles built in China that could endanger Kentucky families.

He joined attorneys general across the country to express concerns about the ability of China and other adversaries to exploit networks and threaten critical infrastructure.

"We can't risk the safety of Kentucky families or the future of our auto industry by allowing adversaries like China to place their potential high tech spy equipment in our garages, Coleman said.

We're calling on the federal government to take bold action to protect our data and our infrastructure from those who wish us harm.'

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West Virginia, Indiana and Tennessee, urged the U.S. government to take action and finalize a proposed rule tightening regulations as soon as possible. Throughout his first

year in Office, Coleman has taken steps to protect Kentucky families from the intrusion of the Chinese government.

In October, General Coleman announced a lawsuit against TikTok, the Chinese-owned social media platform, for its addictive and harmful practices for Kentucky kids.

In January, he called on President Biden to crack down on a federal loophole that allowed fentanyl to be shipped into the United States from overseas, mainly from China.

He has also challenged the Biden-Harris Administration's green agenda that targets coal-fired energy and the security of America's grid, while new coal plant construction hit an all-time high in China.



### AA roadwork complete; I-71/75 ramp closing

#### Team Kentucky

COVINGTON - A safety improvement project on two sections of the AA Highway in Pendleton and Bracken counties has been completed, according to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

The road had been reduced to one lane in sections during the roadwork.

Also, a resurfacing project on Alexandria Pike (U.S. Highway 27) from just north of Plum Creek Road extending north to just south of Nagel Road is now complete.

Evening and overnight work began Monday night on the Interstate 71/75 northbound off-ramp in Kenton County

Crews will close Exit 192 to Fifth Street in Covington between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m. The ramp will reopen daily at 5 a.m. This work is expected to take four nights.

The project will focus on rehabbing and pouring concrete near a bridge end on the off-ramp. Once completed, motorists will have a smoother transition and safer ride on the exit ramp.

Weather permitting, this project is expected to be completed by 5 a.m. Thursday.

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