

Former Marine fighter pilot Amy McGrath launches a second U.S. Senate bid

By Liam Niemeyer
Kentucky Lantern

Former Marine fighter pilot Amy McGrath has launched a campaign for Kentucky's open U.S. Senate seat, her second U.S. Senate bid after losing to longtime Republican incumbent Sen. Mitch McConnell in 2020.

McGrath in a social media post Monday morning featured a video of her walking up to a lone chair while

saying, "This isn't just a chair. It's an open seat." McConnell, 83, the Senate's longest-ever party leader, set off what promises to be a fierce fight for his seat when he announced in February that he would not seek an eighth term.

McGrath is joining three Democrats already vying for the open U.S. Senate seat and at least three Republicans.

McGrath wrote in her social media post that

"democracy was under siege" and "cowards in Washington are bowing to Donald Trump."

"Kentuckians deserve someone battle-tested and ready to fight for them on day one. I've spent my life stepping up when the mission was tough and the stakes were high, first as a Marine and now for Kentucky. I'm ready to complete the mission," McGrath wrote in her post launching the campaign.

McGrath said in her video that Kentucky's open U.S. Senate seat "will decide the balance of power in the Senate."

The veteran fighter pilot spent more than \$90 million as the Democratic U.S. Senate candidate challenging McConnell in 2020, losing by over 400,000 votes. She previously ran for Congress in 2018 to represent Kentucky's 6th Congressional District covering central Kentucky, losing to

Republican U.S. Rep. Andy Barr by 3 percentage points in a significantly closer election.

Barr is now among the candidates in the Republican primary also seeking the U.S. Senate seat, along with former Kentucky Attorney General Daniel Cameron and Lexington businessman Nate Morris.

In response to a Lexington Herald-Leader article published

last month reporting that McGrath was considering launching a campaign, Barr wrote in a post on X: "Bring it on, Amy. This will be fun. I beat you once, and I'll beat you again."

Other Democrats who have announced for the Senate seat are former Secret Service agent Logan Forsythe, former CIA officer Joel Willett and Kentucky House Democratic Floor Leader Pamela Stevenson.

\$7.75 million for bridge project grants announced

By Tom Latek
Kentucky Today

Gov. Andy Beshear has announced the latest round of funding recipients from the County and City Bridge Improvement Program, awarding \$7.75 million for 17 critical bridge projects in 13 Kentucky counties and three cities.

The funding will repair, replace or preserve bridges to improve safety, extend their lifespan, remove lengthy detours and maintain important community links for Kentuckians.

Kentucky's bridges don't just connect roads, they connect our families to their jobs, schools and communities," Beshear said. "While construction may seem like a hassle, these projects will mean safer travel, fewer traffic delays, and more potholes getting fixed.

These are good things for Kentuckians."

Awards will be issued to the following recipients: Barren County Fiscal Court, Calloway County Fiscal Court, City of Georgetown, City of Winchester, City of Wurtland, Crittenden County Fiscal Court, Graves County Fiscal Court, Laurel County Fiscal Court, Letcher County Fiscal Court, Livingston County Fiscal Court, Marion County Fiscal Court, Mason County Fiscal Court, McCracken County Fiscal Court, Trigg County Fiscal Court, Union County Fiscal Court and Washington County Fiscal Court

This fourth round of awards funds 12 bridge replacements and five bridges that will be repaired or preserved to extend the life of existing structures. All 17 bridges are currently closed or posted with

weight restrictions. Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) engineers reviewed and validated each project to ensure the most effective solution.

"With these awards, we're addressing the structures that most urgently need attention, so Kentuckians can travel safely and with confidence," said Transportation Secretary Jim Gray. "Replacing closed bridges and restoring access for school buses and large vehicles makes a big difference not only in time savings but in the quality of life for residents."

Since the first round of funding was announced in 2025, \$32.6 million has been awarded to local governments to address bridges that are closed, have posted weight restrictions or are in need of repairs.

PSC approves adjusted rate increase for Duke Energy

By Tom Latek
Kentucky Today

The Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) announced Friday that it has issued an Order in Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc.'s filing for a general adjustment of rates and other general relief.

On Dec. 2, 2024, Duke requested authorization to increase its annual electric base rate revenue by \$70,008,476 or 15.41 percent from its current rates. Duke Kentucky's last adjustment of its electric rates was granted in 2022.

In this latest order, the PSC approved rates that will produce an annual increase in revenues of \$43,692,476 or 9.61 percent. The energy charge for residential customers will increase from \$0.111639 per kWh to

\$0.122399 per kWh with a monthly customer charge of \$14.75 per month. An average residential customer using about 1,000 kWh of energy will receive an increase of \$12.51, or 10.04 percent, increasing the average bill from \$124.64 to \$137.15 per month.

The order also approved new language regarding the terms and conditions for commercial time-of-day rates. The language sets a new minimum demand provision for new loads of 40 MW to receive the commercial rate. The new language will ensure that the cost of providing power to future high demand customers will not be shifted to existing customers under Duke Kentucky's commercial time-of-day tariff.

The following parties

were granted intervention in this proceeding: the Attorney General of Kentucky, Kroger Co., and Walmart, Inc.

Friday's order, a video of the hearing, and other records in the case are available on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov. The case number is 2024-00354.

Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. is a jurisdictional electric utility that generates, transmits, distributes, and sells electricity to approximately 152,641 consumers in Boone, Campbell, Grant, Kenton, and Pendleton counties. Duke Kentucky also provides gas service to 105,000 customers in Boone, Bracken, Campbell, Gallatin, Grant, Kenton and Pendleton counties, Kentucky.

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having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by law to the aforesaid Jessica Wilson 2265 Stewarts Lane Junction City, KY 40440. Or to LaKeysha Singleton, attorney PO Box 2021 Danville, KY 40422. Not later than March 30, 2026.

Cortney Shewmaker, Boyle County Circuit Court Clerk

Danville Advocate: Oct. 7, 2025 EST/ANDERSON, S.

PUBLIC NOTICE Case Number 25-P-267

NOTICE is hereby given that Kimberley Downey has qualified as Executrix, of the estate of Judith Edwards Boyd deceased of Boyle County, Kentucky on Sept. 26, 2025. All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by law to the aforesaid Kimberly Downey 927 Tuggle Road Danville, KY 40422. Or to Christopher J Tucker, attorney 114 South Fourth St. Danville, Ky 40422. Not later than March 26, 2026.

Cortney Shewmaker, Boyle County Circuit Court Clerk

Danville Advocate: Oct. 7, 2025 EST/BOYD, J.

PUBLIC NOTICE Case Number 25-P-289

NOTICE is hereby given that Andrea Bowden has qualified as Administratrix, of the estate of Elinor Camenisch deceased of Boyle County, Kentucky on Sept. 30, 2025. All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by law to the aforesaid Andrea Bowden PO Box 426 Curne TAS 7256 Australia. Or to LaKeysha Singleton, attorney PO Box 2021 Danville, KY 40422. Not later than March 30, 2026.

Cortney Shewmaker, Boyle County Circuit Court Clerk

Danville Advocate: Oct. 7, 2025 EST/CAMENISCH, E.

PUBLIC NOTICE Case Number 25-P-265

NOTICE is hereby given that Valene Nan Krentz has qualified as Executrix, of the estate of Jerry Lee Barnett deceased of Boyle County, Kentucky on Sept. 16, 2025. All persons having claims against the said

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estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by law to the aforesaid Valerie Nan Krentz 501 Silverbrook Dr. Danville, KY 40422. Not later than March 16, 2026.

Cortney Shewmaker, Boyle County Circuit Court Clerk

Danville Advocate: Oct. 7, 2025 EST/BARNETT, J.

PUBLIC NOTICE Case Number 25-P-278

NOTICE is hereby given that Gail F. Jackson has qualified as Executrix, of the estate of JoAnn W. Fischer deceased of Boyle County, Kentucky on Sept. 19, 2025. All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by law to the aforesaid Gail F. Jackson 151 Edgewood Dr. Stanford, KY 40484. Or to Micki McDaniel, attorney 213 W. Main St. Suite 300 Danville, KY 40422. Not later than March 19, 2026.

Cortney Shewmaker, Boyle County Circuit Court Clerk

Danville Advocate: Oct. 7, 2025 EST/FISCHER, J.

PUBLIC NOTICE Case Number 25-P-273

NOTICE is hereby given that Margaret Ann Moore has qualified as Executrix, of the estate of Ruie Jane Henderson deceased of Boyle County, Kentucky on Sept. 19, 2025. All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by law to the aforesaid Ruie Jane Henderson 659 Tuggle Road Danville, KY 40422. Or to H. Vincent Pennington III, attorney 114 South Fourth St. Danville, Ky 40422. Not later than March 19, 2026.

Cortney Shewmaker, Boyle County Circuit Court Clerk

Danville Advocate: Oct. 7, 2025 EST/HENDERSON, R.

PUBLIC NOTICE Case Number 24-P-276

Notice is hereby given that Richard A. Couture has filed final settlement in the estate of Jane M. Couture with date of hearing set for Nov. 1, 2025 before the Boyle District Court. Unless exceptions are filed before that time, the settlement

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shall be approved, confirmed and recorded according to law.

Cortney Shewmaker, Boyle County Circuit Court Clerk

Danville Advocate: Oct. 7, 2025 EST/COUTURE, J.

PUBLIC NOTICE Case Number 25-P-269

NOTICE is hereby given that Glenna Edwards & Teresa Ann Engle has qualified as Co-Executors, of the estate of Alice Ann Reynolds deceased of Boyle County, Kentucky on Sept. 26, 2025. All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by law to the aforesaid Glenna K. Edwards 1740 Harrodsburg Rd Perryville, KY 40468 & Teresa Ann Engle Po Box 127 Perryville, KY 40468. Or to Stephen A. Dexter, attorney 114 South Fourth St. Danville, Ky 40422. Not later than March 26, 2026.

Cortney Shewmaker, Boyle County Circuit Court Clerk

Danville Advocate: Oct. 7, 2025 EST/REYNOLDS, A.

PUBLIC NOTICE Case Number 25-P-270

NOTICE is hereby given that John David Lay has qualified as Executor, of the estate of John Prentice Lay deceased of Boyle County, Kentucky on Sept. 26, 2025. All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by law to the aforesaid John David Lay 1695 Ridge Road Canton, Georgia 30114. Or to Larry Catlett, attorney 134 South Main St. Harrodsburg, KY 40330. Not later than March 26, 2026.

Cortney Shewmaker, Boyle County Circuit Court Clerk

Danville Advocate: Oct. 7, 2025 EST/LAY, J.

PUBLIC NOTICE Case Number 25-P-248

NOTICE is hereby given that Jeffrey S. Finley has qualified as Administrator, of the estate of Rowdy Dale King deceased of Boyle County, Kentucky on Sept. 2, 2025. All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by law to the aforesaid Jeffrey S. Finley 9000 Crooked

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Arrow Ct. Louisville KY 40228. Not later than March 2, 2026.

Cortney Shewmaker, Boyle County Circuit Court Clerk

Danville Advocate: Oct. 7, 2025 EST/KING, R.

PUBLIC NOTICE Case Number 25-P-266

NOTICE is hereby given that Kay Weaver and Mitzi Stinnett has qualified as Co-Executors, of the estate of Elfrieda Weaver deceased of Boyle County, Kentucky on Sept. 16, 2025. All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by law to the aforesaid Kay Weaver 3312 Old Hustonville Rd. Danville, KY 40422 & Mitzi Stinnett 261 Scott Dr. Trailer 112 Danville KY. Or to Melanie Thornberry, attorney 145 N Third St. Danville, KY 40422. Not later than March 16, 2026.

Cortney Shewmaker, Boyle County Circuit Court Clerk

Danville Advocate: Oct. 7, 2025 EST/WEAVER, E.

PUBLIC NOTICE Case Number 25-P-286

NOTICE is hereby given that Debra Ann Lowe has qualified as Administrator, of the estate of Christopher Ian Lowe deceased of Boyle County, Kentucky on Sept. 26, 2025. All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by law to the aforesaid Debra Ann Lowe 800 Hillcrest D. Danville, KY 40422. Or to Sarah Bryant, attorney Po Box 1441 Danville, KY 40423. Not later than March 26, 2026.

Cortney Shewmaker, Boyle County Circuit Court Clerk

Danville Advocate: Oct. 7, 2025 EST/LOWE, C.

PUBLIC NOTICE Case Number 25-P-41

Notice is hereby given that Carolyn P. Miracle has filed final settlement in the estate of Cleland Edward Lottis with date of hearing set for 11/1/25 before the Boyle District Court. Unless exceptions are filed before that time, the settlement shall be approved, confirmed and recorded according to law.

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Cortney Shewmaker, Boyle County Circuit Court Clerk

Danville Advocate: Oct. 7, 2025 EST/LOTTIS, C.

PUBLIC NOTICE Case Number 25-P-252

NOTICE is hereby given that Thomas Edward Plott II has qualified as Executor, of the estate of Thomas Edward Plott deceased of Boyle County, Kentucky on Sept. 2, 2025. All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by law to the aforesaid Thomas Edward Plott II 2075 Goggin Lane Danville, KY 40422. Not later than March 2, 2026.

Cortney Shewmaker, Boyle County Circuit Court Clerk

Danville Advocate: Oct. 7, 2025 EST/PLOTT, T.

PUBLIC NOTICE Case Number 25-P-262

NOTICE is hereby given that Barry Mullins has qualified as Executor, of the estate of Connie Ruby Mullins deceased of Boyle County, Kentucky on Sept. 16, 2025. All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by law to the aforesaid Barry Mullins 5154 US Highway 150 West Stanford, KY 40484. Not later than March 16, 2026.

Cortney Shewmaker, Boyle County Circuit Court Clerk

Danville Advocate: Oct. 7, 2025 EST/MULLINS, C.

PUBLIC NOTICE Case Number 24-P-109

Notice is hereby given that Don Pack has filed final settlement in the estate of Henrietta J Pack with date of hearing set for Nov 1, 2025 before the Boyle District Court. Unless exceptions are filed before that time, the settlement shall be approved, confirmed and recorded according to law.

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Danville Advocate: Oct. 7, 2025 EST/CAMENISCH, E.

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Danville Advocate: Oct. 7, 2025 EST/PACK, H.