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who hinders easy access to transparency is a red flag.

Such a red flag was waved when State Representative Rebecca Raymer’s vote in a House committee on February 20 when she supported House Bill 368, a move that calls into question how important transparency is within our local government to her, a striking contrast from the legacies of her predecessors.

HB 368 is designed to strip away a state mandate that requires local governments to publish their business in local newspapers in areas with less than a population of 80,000 people, allowing them to post things such as public notices, surplus actions, filed ordinances, and other business items onto their government-run websites. This population reference is law because large cities have low cost internet providers and easily-attained, free WiFi.

In 1958, the original HB 424 pertaining to legal advertisement law was implemented. One of the original sponsors and supporters of this law was Senator Carlos B. Embry, Sr.

Following in his father’s footsteps, CB Embry, Jr. served in the Kentucky House of Representatives and then as a Kentucky State Senator representing Muhlenberg, Hopkins, Ohio, and Butler Counties until he resigned in 2022 due to health reasons. Three days after his resignation, he passed away following a battle with cancer.

Both Embry, Jr. and his father were strong supporters of government transparency with both having experiences inside the newspaper industry. Because of this exposure, CB spoke of how his father witnessed banks foreclose late in the loan life of property, even family farms. Often, the bank would walk away with ownership or someone with inside information.

The Senators knew this requirement would protect all families by having public auctions publicized, a move that would help stop the injustices of earlier times. Legal advertising helps to keep them accountable because they know things will be disclosed.

It’s YOUR tax dollars that are paying for newspapers to print legal advertisements from local government, and while legal ads are not a significant amount of revenue for Jobe Publishing, it is certainly a source of valuable income for small, independent publishers.

Newspaper publishers were not invited to the table from the misguided representatives regarding this legislation, and they may not even know how this mandate could affect many communities. That’s why it’s critical to contact your state representative without delay.

If this law goes away like the Kentucky League of Cities is fighting to do, sooner or later, an unethical official will realize the

public is not watching and corruption will once again become more prevalent. Jobe Publishing newspapers have uncovered many corrupt practices from elected officials, and some of those originated from the current state mandate for local governments to print legal advertisements.

What they fail to make known is that newspaper industries with paid subscribers are the only media with a quantifiable audited reach. They also fail to explain the mandate to be a paid newspaper with the USPS is to have a local office.

If this law goes away, there is no reason for 50 to 60 small community newspapers to keep an open office in small town Kentucky.

While the federal government and other states are working on incentives to help newspaper businesses that have been established for over 100 years, Rebecca Raymer and other representatives are turning their backs on the legacy left from the Embrys, our tax payers, and our oldest, ongoing businesses.

Jeff Jobe, Publisher and Founder of Jobe Publishing, said, “Morgantown is where we started and never allowed our growth to forget it.”

Jobe said the legacies set before the current representatives are being torn down.

“I never dreamed the district in which these two, fine senators served would have someone elected to

support tearing down their legacies,” Jobe added.

Jobe said he spoke with Raymer’s husband at the time of her campaigning for office, who indicated that she knew how important this was at the time she was running for office.

“Despite this, Raymer has chosen to not return my calls for the second session,” Jobe said.

It is our hope alongside many other businesses in the newspaper industry that Rebecca Raymer and other representatives who support this bill will reconsider and honor the legacy of transparency left to them by the senators and representatives before them.

You can contact Representative Rebecca Raymer at rebecca.raymer@kylegislature.gov or by calling the hotline 502-564-8100 to leave a message for Raymer, or any other state representative.

You can also access contact information for your representatives at <https://ky.gov/Pages/contactus.aspx>

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•ARCHERY

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O’Connell, fittingly won the girls overall while another senior, Maggie Childers, tied with another BCHS archer, Virginia White, for third overall in the girls.

Eli Ellis was the boys’ third top finisher in the high school group. Several other seniors made their mark by coming in the top ten. Malia Merideth 7th, Graysen Henderson 7th, Jeffery Parrish 8th, and Grant Jones 9th were all the participants in the top-ten.

BCMS finished second overall with DeLanie Ryan leading the way. Another first place by

the sixth-grader and host of other sharp shooters propelled the middle school team. Competing in the top-ten were: Jacey Hall 3rd, Raelynn Southerland 5th, Kaylen Warren 7th, and Averi Morris 10th.

Both teams seen personal bests during the three-day tournament held at the Ag-Extension Service. The remarkable performance by BCHS places them 4th in the state out of 179 teams. Keep grinding over the last stretch of the season Butler County Archery; much luck at the state tournament next month!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

The Banner/Republican welcomes letters to the editor regarding our publications or local issues of importance. Letters should be no more than 300 words; we reserve the right to edit for clarity or length, or to reject letters that are in poor taste or libelous. Writers must include their name and a valid telephone number for verification purposes. Anonymous letters will be rejected. Send your letter by email to print@jpinews.com or mail to or drop off at any Jobe Publishing office.

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In accordance with KRS 176.051, Kentucky’s noxious weed law, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet will control noxious weeds on state-owned right of way at the request of the adjoining property owner. The noxious weeds named in this law are Johnson grass (*Sorghum halepense*), Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense*), Cutleaf Teasel (*Dipsacus laciniatus*) Nodding thistle (*Carduus nutans*), Common teasel (*Dipsacus fullonum*), Poison hemlock (*Conium maculatum*), Marestalk (*Conyza canadensis*), Amur Honeysuckle (*Lonicera maackii*), Multiflora Rose (*Rosa multiflora*) Japanese knotweed, (*Polygonum cuspidatum*), Spotted Knapweed (*Centaurea stoebe*) and Kudzu (*Pueraria montana*).

Persons who own property adjacent to state right of way and who are involved in eradication efforts on their property can submit a written application to the highway district office in their area. Contact information can be found at transportation.ky.gov/DistrictPages

Super Crossword

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Pros and Cons of Weight Loss Drugs

By PJ Martin
Jobe Publishing

These days you can’t read a magazine, watch TV, or look at Facebook without seeing an advertisement for a weight loss drug. But are these drugs approved by the FDA, do they really work, and what kind of side effects do they have?

Many of the weight loss drugs contain GLP1, a class of medication that has been used to treat diabetes for almost 20 years, but more recently found to help with weight loss. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved the use of GLP1 in 2005.

Glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1) is a hormone produced in the digestive tract that has several functions such as regulating blood sugar levels and controlling appetite by slowing the emptying of the stomach.

A study was published in the New England Journal of Medicine which stated that individuals treated

with GLP-1 lost an average of over 15% of their body weight over 68 weeks.

Most of these medications began use as treatments for type 2 diabetes, but once it was discovered they assisted in weight loss, the medications were basically given new names and promoted for weight loss.

Novo-Nordisk produces Ozempic (semaglutide) used as a treatment for type 2 diabetes. It was approved by the FDA in 2017, but is also touted as reducing your risk of a heart attack, stroke, or a circulatory system disease. Now notice the generic name of Wegovy.

Wegovy (semaglutide) is also made by Novo-Nordisk and contains GLP1. Wegovy is administered as an injection beneath the skin. The company advertises that it will provide an average weight loss of 38 pounds. It also notes that it should be used with exercise and a balanced diet.

The manufacturer also claims these medications have been proven in short-term studies to help people lose weight faster than just changing their diet and exercising. This drug was also been approved by the FDA.

The side effects listed on the Novo-Nordisk website are nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, constipation, abdominal pain, and fatigue. Wegovy lists serious side effects as an increased risk of gallbladder disease, kidney damage, or pancreatitis and Ozempic’s list includes an increase in the risk of thyroid cancer and a diabetic eye complication called retinopathy. It is also suggested that Ozempic not be taken longer than two years. The site then states that Ozempic can cause rare but serious side effects like stomach paralysis and pancreatitis.

In 2023, the FDA approved Zepbound (tirzepatide) for use in treating obesity and specifically with obesity-related health problems; however,

Mounjaro (tirzepatide) uses the same active ingredient and was approved for use in controlling Type 2 diabetes. Both are produced by Eli Lilly and Company and again the same generic name, but using dual GLP-1/GIP.

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\$1000
REWARD

After completing a five-year Land Lease-To-Farm, (plus an additional year at the Lessee’s request.) I was considering options for my land.

I wasn’t expecting a deranged vandal to rip apart my field tile with a chisel plow in broad daylight, leaving maybe tens of thousands in uninsured damages.

I can share that a JD tractor and chisel plow were seen after leaving my property on Guy Rd. Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 4th.

Apparently Butler County has at least one sociopath. Tolerance encourages them. As audacious as it is to plow up someone’s field tile, it will get worse.

Obviously, this person is not worried about being arrested! Yet, if not held accountable, they grow more emboldened to ignore laws that protect us.

I’m offering a \$1000 reward for information that results in the conviction of the individuals responsible. Your identity will be protected, and actions taken will be subject to your discretion!

This farm lays next to I-165 at the 21-mile marker

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