

# AG Coleman: Fayette County Schools Tax Hike is Unlawful

Attorney General Russell Coleman announced recently that the Fayette County Public Schools (FCPS) Board unlawfully attempted to raise taxes on Kentucky families. General Coleman released a formal Attorney General’s opinion finding the Board failed to meet the state statutory requirements to provide public notice before levying an occupational tax increase at its May 27, 2025 meeting.

Senator Amanda Mays Bledsoe (R-Lexington) first requested the Opinion of the Attorney General after hearing from her constituents about the tax hike.

“Tax and spend

government is a danger to Kentucky’s future, especially when officials who should be accountable to Fayette County voters try to ignore the rules to raise taxes,” said Coleman. “If the Fayette County School Board members believe they need more of Kentuckians’ hard-earned dollars, they should clearly and publicly make their case before their own constituents.”

The Office of the Attorney General is responsible for providing legal opinions to public officials to assist them in the performance of their duties. Opinions of the Office are persuasive in Kentucky courts and public officials are expected to follow them.

# Gas Reduced

Average gasoline prices in Kentucky have fallen 5.7 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.79/g Monday, according to GasBuddy’s survey of 2,623 stations in Kentucky. Prices in Kentucky are 7.8 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 37.6 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has decreased 1.7 cents in the last week and stands at \$3.448 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Kentucky was priced at \$2.38/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$3.14/g, a difference of 76.0 cents per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 1.8 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.07/g today. The national average is down 5.2 cents per

gallon from a month ago and stands 32.8 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

“Average gas prices declined in nearly all states over the last week as refineries ramped up output and gasoline supplies surged,” said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. “While a few states experienced price cycling—a pattern where prices drop sharply and then spike every couple of weeks—the overall gentle downward trend is typical as summer progresses. If oil prices continue to rise gradually, it could eventually impact gas prices, but for now, we likely won’t see any major shifts at the pump in most areas this week.”

Effective July 1, 2025, Tri-County Electric’s residential and small commercial customer charge will increase by \$3/month. The revenue generated from the customer charge increase will be used for cooperative equipment and system upgrades.

# Obituaries

## Marjorie Jo Garrison Allen

Marjorie Jo Garrison Allen, 88, of Lexington, passed away peacefully May 28, 2025, in Lexington. Marjorie was born April 8, 1937, the daughter of Earl Emmett Garrison and Lucy Mary Smith Lewis. Marjorie graduated from Martha Norris Memorial High School in Marrowbone, in 1954. She received her College Secretarial Department Diploma from Bowling Green University in 1955. She married her high school sweetheart, Marshall Gene Allen in Bowling Green, Dec. 15, 1954. Outside of the home, Marjorie began her professional career at the Bank of Marrowbone as a teller and loan officer. She applied her professional skills at home, managing finances, vacation planning, homework, and after-school activities. After raising two children, Marjorie went back to work as the accountant for Sageser Drug store and then on to being the Parish Administrator at Christ Central Cathedral. Marjorie was an active member of Centenary Church for over 60 years. Marjorie will be remembered for her contagious smile and positivity, generosity, and loving support of others, as well as her unwavering faith. She was a role model for many, and a friend to all.



Marjorie was preceded in death by her husband Marshall Gene Allen. They celebrated more than 50 years of marriage.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Mary Staci, and Jon Duke Seibold; her son, Mark Garrison Allen, and a team of caregivers that are now part of her family; Lisa Pickel, Clarita Newman, Chas Nealy, Pam Karanova.

A Celebration of Life Service was held June 4, at Centenary Church in Lexington. A graveside service was held June 5, in the Marrowbone Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to Adoptees Connect, Hope for Tomorrow Guatemala, or the Methodist Children’s Home.

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**HOW SATAN DECEIVED THE WORLD**

**Je 1:10 See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.**

The things Jeremiah rooted out and pulled down are now being built back by religious hypocrisy. Churches that once stood for sanctification now have fifty-four percent of their congregation viewing pornography on their cell phones.

**1Ti 4:1-2 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils:**

Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;  
A lady said, I don’t go to church because of the hypocrisy inside.  
A man told me, Our church is a mess. They think it’s okay to curse, drink beer and smoke, all because no order behind the pulpit.

**Mt 24:11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.**

Repentance don’t come from a ball game, TV or a cell phone, but rather from a sincere heart of godly sorrow at a sanctified altar of prayer.

Looking back into the pages of God’s Holy Word, I see how religion crucified the Son of God.  
Paul said, Let there be no divisions among you.  
I now see how religion has overflowed the muddy banks of hypocrisy.  
Organized religion brings divisions.

**1Cor 1:10 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.**

After religion crucified truth at Calvary, deception sprang up like poison mushrooms on a forest floor.  
Denominations supporting homosexuality within their churches, affirming LGBTQ relationships, and performing same-sex marriages, priests molesting children.  
Trying to explain how religion has deceived the world to a religious society content with watching hell on TV and viewing pornography on their phone seems impossible.  
But there are a few that will continue trying. It’s as if I am wasting time trying.  
Then I wonder, did Jeremiah get worry?  
As the chosen few it’s our job to represent the narrow way. A way that religious confusion has detoured.

**How Satan Deceived the World by Mike Willen with Love**

# Etc...

**Set Apart Fundraiser**

Burkesville Christian Church is hosting a BBQ Fundraiser for Set Apart, 21 June at Burkesville Christian Church from 10am to 2pm. For \$8 You can help support the local program assisting expectant mothers, and get a pulled pork sandwich, bag of chips and water. Add \$2 and get a lemonade as well!

**Sports Clinic Coming**

Cumberland County Hospital is offering walk-in sports physicals through the B.F. Taylor Clinic and Flowers Rural Health Clinic on the following schedule: Thursday, 6/12 – Dr. Dyer-Hurt at B.F. Taylor Clinic Erica McWhorter-Hill, DNP at Flowers Rural Health Clinic, June 12 Tuesday, 6/17 – Dr. Flowers Sr. and Dr. Flowers Jr. at Flowers Rural Health Clinic Wednesday, 6/18 – Dr. Flowers Sr. and Erica McWhorter-Hill, DNP at Flowers Rural Health Clinic Monday, 6/23 – Dr. Dyer-Hurt at B.F. Taylor Clinic Thursday 6/26 – Dr. Dyer-Hurt at B.F. Taylor Clinic You are welcome to call and make an appointment beforehand or walk in at your convenience! B.F. Taylor Clinic – 270-864-2555 Flowers Rural Health Clinic – 270-864-3371

**Retired Teachers to Meet**

The Cumberland County Retired Teachers will meet Wednesday, June 16 at 11:00 at Sulphur Creek Restaurant. We will give updates on items of concerned to our retirees. Please plan to attend.

**Amandaville Church Service**

Bro. Terry Shelley will be preaching at Amandaville Christian Church at 6pm Saturday, June 14. We will also have guest singers. All are invited.

**Special Service 20 June**

Pittman Creek Holiness Church will be having an outside service Friday, June 20th at the County Ag building and Pavilion next to the ballpark, starting at 6:30pm. Come expecting a good time in the Holy Ghost. If you’ve never felt the Lord or his presence then you don’t want to miss this service. Preaching, singing, worship, and enjoy the blessing of the Lord. A place you can find peace for your soul. A meal will follow the service. See you there! For more information call Bro. Brent at 270-543-3181 or Bro. Chad at 270-459-0354

**Free Online Diabetes Class**

The Online Diabetes Prevention Program from the Lake Cumberland District Health Department begins Monday, June 16. This free, innovative online program helps prevent or delay type 2 diabetes while working with a trained lifestyle coach through the new HALT DPP app. For more information, call 800-928-4416 Option 4 or go online to LCDHD.ORG/DPP to register. Spots are limited.

**Gardeners Gathering**

Cumberland County Gardeners’ next meeting will be 10am, June 26, with Barbara O’Neill doing a Monarch butterfly presentation. Visitors are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**Flag Day**

Join the Cumberland County Cooperative Extension Service and the VFW Post 5419 for a flag day presentation. This event is planned for 10am, June 13, at the Cumberland County Extension Office, 90 Smith Grove Rd., Burkesville.

**Longest Day of Play**

The Cumberland County Extension Office invites the community to help us celebrate the Longest Day of Play, 10am-Noon June 20 at the Veterans Memorial Park (under the pavilion). This free event has fun creative outdoor activities for all ages. To view a full schedule, visit [cumberland.ca.uky.edu/events](http://cumberland.ca.uky.edu/events).

**Kerr/Short Family Reunion**

The Kerr & Short Family Reunion will be held June 14 at Veterans Park in Burkesville, KY from noon till 4 p.m. We will be located in the AG Expo/Fairboard building and under the picnic shelter. Signs will be posted. There will be air conditioning and a playground. All friends and family are welcome. We plan to have cornhole boards and train rides for the kids again this year. Please bring a covered dish and maybe a chair to use. Meat, utensils, paper plates, paper towels, cups, bread, buns, and drinks WILL BE PROVIDED. Please bring a covered dish to ensure we have enough food for everyone.

**Monthly Tourism Meetings**

The Cumberland County Tourism Commission meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. at the Welcome Center, 111 Hill Street in Burkesville, Kentucky. Open to the public.

**Monthly Chamber Meetings**

The Burkesville/Cumberland County Chamber of Commerce meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 12 p.m. at the Welcome Center, 111 Hill Street in Burkesville, Kentucky. Open to the public.

**Industrial Development Meeting**

The Industrial Development Authority meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. at the Welcome Center at 111 Hill Street in Burkesville, Kentucky. Open to the public.

**Meals on a Mission**

The Burkesville First Christian Church, on North Main, is working with Burkesville Baptist Church to serve free meals the second Friday of every month, beginning Mar. 13, starting at 6pm, and will continue the service until all food is distributed. Those planning the service for the community said, “We hope to see you all there.”

**Grief Share Meetings**

New Grief Share meetings, from 1 to 3pm Every Thursday, are beginning February 13 at Centerpoint Church on Short Street in Burkesville. For more information contact Janie Baker Cooksey at 270-433-1634. Grief Share meetings are already running, from 6-8pm Mondays at Set Apart on Hill St.

**AA Burkesville**

“If you want to drink it’s your business. – If you want to quit it’s ours,” Burkesville AA Meetings held in Veterans Memorial Community Center, 213 Upper River Street. Fridays 7pm and Sundays 7pm