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Mustang Archers compete at State B-1



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Public comment meeting planned for Lost City Renewables LLC

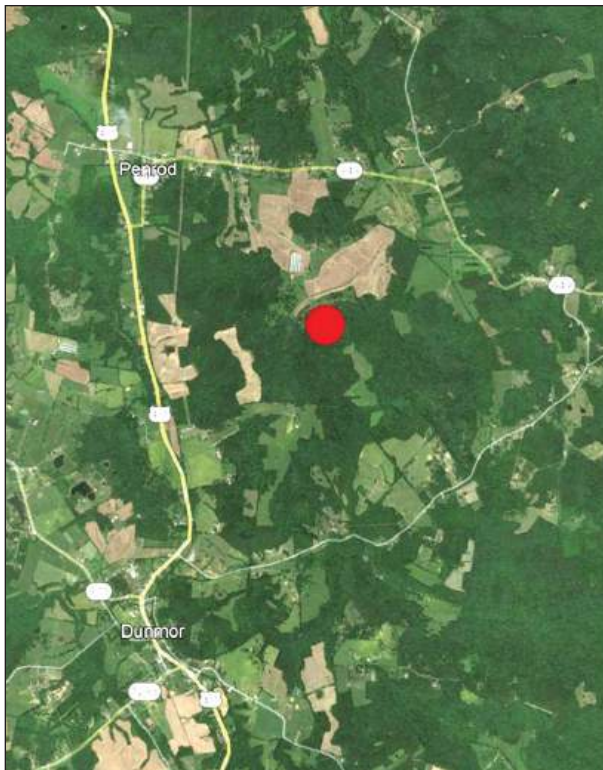
GREENVILLE — The Kentucky State Board on Electric Generation and Transmission Siting (Siting Board) will provide an opportunity for the public to receive information regarding the process for the case and provide comments regarding the proposed Lost City Renewable LLC, which will be an up to 250-megawatt alternating current (MWac) photovoltaic electricity generation facility. The project is to be located in Muhlenberg County approximately 0.4 miles east of Penrod and 1.25 miles northeast of Dunmore.

The Siting Board will hold a public comment hearing in this matter on March 27, 2025, at 5 p.m. Central Daylight Time, at the Muhlenberg County Fiscal Court Room, 100 South Main Street, Greenville, Kentucky 42345. The purpose of the meeting is to have a local opportunity for public com-

ment. A recording of the hearing will be uploaded later on the Commission's website.

Comments can be submitted at any time at psc.ky.gov/Case/SearchCasesPublicComments, emailed to PSC.comment@ky.gov, or mailed to 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, KY 40602-0615. All comments should include the commenter's name, address, and the case number.

The Siting Board consists of the three members of the Public Service Commission, the Secretary of the Kentucky Energy and Environmental Cabinet or a designee, the Secretary of the Kentucky Economic Development Cabinet or a designee, and for specific cases, the county judge or chair of local planning and zoning (if applicable), and a local member appointed by the governor. The chair of the PSC serves as chair of the Siting Board. The



The red dot on the map above is the approximate location for the proposed site, between Penrod and Dunmore. (map data/Google)

Siting Board is headquartered at the PSC and PSC staff serve as staff to the Siting Board. The Siting Board's operations are funded through fees paid by applicants. The complete appli-

cation, a description of the review process, mitigation measures and conditions, public comments, and other case filings are available at psc.ky.gov/Case/ViewCaseFilings/2024-00406

Kentucky bill to lower driving permit age to 15 heads to Governor's desk

FRANKFORT, Ky. — A bill that would lower Kentucky's minimum age for a driving permit from 16 to 15 has passed the state Senate and now awaits Gov. Andy Beshear's approval.

House Bill 15, sponsored by House Majority Floor Leader Steven Rudy, a Republican from Paducah, aims to bring Kentucky in line with neighboring states that allow 15-year-olds to apply for a learner's permit. The bill does not alter existing requirements, which include 60

hours of driving practice—10 of which must be at night—and a six-month waiting period before applying for an intermediate license, followed by another six months for a full license.

Kentucky is currently one of eight states that require drivers to be at least 16 to obtain a permit. Indiana allows permits at 15, while Ohio requires applicants to be 15 and a half.

If signed by Beshear, the law would take effect immediately.

Last Week at the Capitol

FRANKFORT— Scores of bills are headed to the governor's desk, including key measures on college diversity, maternal health, and gender identity, after lawmakers made a final, grinding push this week to wrangle votes and hammer out compromises between the House and Senate.

The last full week of the 2025 legislative session wrapped up near midnight on Friday, capping off several days of exhaustive floor proceedings in both chambers and marking the start of the veto recess.

The governor now has 10 days to sign bills, veto them, or allow them to become law without his signature. Legislators will have an opportunity to override any vetoes when they return for the final two days of the session at the end of this month.

One of the most watched bills is House Bill 4, a measure that seeks to end diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives — known as DEI — at public postsecondary institutions in Kentucky.

The legislation would forbid differential treatment in hiring, admissions, scholarships and other areas based on religion, race, sex, color or national origin. It would also prevent campuses from requiring or incentivizing students to participate in DEI training, and it

would prohibit public institutions from using resources on DEI training, offices and initiatives.

The issue has loomed large over the session: Lawmakers held multiple committee hearings on DEI during the 2024 interim period and signaled early on that a major bill was likely to win support this year.

The proposal ignited a final round of tense debate Thursday as lawmakers sparred over the racial disparities and the legacy of slavery before voting 32-6 to advance HB 4 off the Senate floor. The bill has been delivered to the governor.

Abortion also surfaced as major issue in the past week after lawmakers expanded a measure on freestanding birthing centers into a broader maternal health bill that seeks to clarify some uncertainties over Kentucky's abortion law.

The final version of House Bill 90 includes provisions to ensure that women experiencing a miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, molar pregnancy, or other life-threatening complications can receive care. It calls for hospitals, birthing centers and other obstetric care centers to offer perinatal palliative care to women if their baby is at risk

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Apple House Mercantile's chapter ends, creating new beginnings with Southern Pine Boutique

CENTRAL CITY — Since being appointed as the Director of Muhlenberg County Tourism, and her increased managerial role with her family's growing rental and outdoor advertising business Deason Rentals, Misty Stanley has made the tough decision to close her beloved and iconic "Little Red Box" storefront.

However, Misty remains committed to promoting local businesses and helping them achieve economic growth. Her dedication to Muhlenberg County's small business community is far from over. She will continue to lend her experience and knowledge, which encompasses two decades in retail management, including the past five years as owner of Apple House Mercantile, to help Muhlenberg's small businesses.

"I will always be a champion for small

businesses and local shopping," said Stanley. "While my role is changing, my passion remains the same, supporting and celebrating local entrepreneurs. I'm excited to cheer on the next generation as they forge their own journey, and I look forward to continuing my advocacy for our county in new and meaningful ways."

As she steps forward into this exciting next phase, Misty is thrilled to see Southern Pine Boutique, established in 2019 and owned by mother-daughter duo, Bobbi Jo and Allison Randall, carry forward many of the cherished gift lines, specialty products, and the signature gift and baby registry services that customers have come to love.

A Local Business Rooted in Family, Mentorship & Tradition

Misty's passion for retail was sparked at an early age and shaped

by both family influence and strong business mentors.

She fondly remembers visiting Brand's Corner Drug, where her Aunt Helen introduced her to the magic of a well-curated gift section. The beautifully wrapped gifts Aunt Helen gave her for special occasions left an impression, teaching her the power of thoughtful gifting and exceptional customer service.

This love for retail grew into a career shaped by valuable mentorship and firsthand experience. Before opening her own business, "Kentucky's First" container boutique, Misty had 15 dedicated years, 10 of those as manager of Depot Gifts & Corner Fashions, working under the guidance of Darrel and Elizabeth Gentry, and previous owners Debbie Eaves and Rachelle Gilles.

What began as a fun one-day-a-week job in

the gift industry quickly became a passion. Under the guidance of these successful business owners, Misty gained valuable experience in retail management, merchandising, and customer relations. Their leadership helped shape her path, instilling the work ethic and business knowledge that would later fuel her own entrepreneurial journey.

Inspired by her grandparents' Apple House Market, she saw an opportunity to continue their tradition of service and community. It also became a deep personal journey, strengthening her bond with her father, Forest Deason, who brought her storefront dream to life.

"AHM has been a love letter to my family's history," said Misty, "I am forever grateful to my dad and

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