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## Muhlenberg County native named as new Deputy State Auditor

FRANKFORT — Kentucky Auditor Allison Ball has appointed Muhlenberg County native Shari Scott as the new Deputy State Auditor. In this role, Scott will lead and oversee all technical audit operations within the Auditor’s Office.

“Shari has served at the Auditor’s Office for nearly three decades with an unwavering commitment to protecting Kentucky’s taxpayer dollars,” Auditor Ball said. “Her deep institutional knowledge

and proven leadership will be invaluable as we continue to promote transparency and accountability across the Commonwealth.”

Scott began her career at the Auditor’s Office in 1997 and brings more than 27 years of experience to the role. She has held several key positions, including Financial Auditor and, most recently, Western Branch Audit Manager. A graduate of Western Kentucky University, Scott earned her bachelor’s degree in accounting and has been a licensed CPA in Kentucky since 2000.

Scott is also active in the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers, and Treasurers (NASACT), and frequently conducts external peer reviews for audit agencies across the country.

“I am honored to step into this new role and deeply grateful for the opportunity to continue serving the people of Kentucky under Auditor Ball’s leadership,” Scott said.

She was officially sworn in on Friday, June 13.



Shari Scott was named as the new Deputy State Auditor.



Shari Scott was sworn in as the new Deputy State Auditor on June 13. (photos/submitted)

## Lost City Solar Project approved with conditions

GREENVILLE — A 250-megawatt solar energy project planned for Muhlenberg County has received conditional approval from the Kentucky State Board on Electric Generation and Transmission Siting.

Lost City Renewables, LLC was granted a certificate on July 28 to construct the facility, which will span approximately 1,413 acres and include around 400,000 ground-mounted solar panels. The project will be located 0.4 miles east of Penrod and 1.25 miles northeast of Dunmor in Muhlenberg County, Kentucky. Electricity generated from the facility will connect to the Tennessee Valley Authority substation at 2557 Lost City Road

in Lewisburg via a new 10.8-mile, 161-kilovolt transmission line.

The Siting Board’s approval includes a number of specific mitigation measures to reduce potential impacts on nearby residents and properties. These include required setbacks of 150 feet between solar panels and homes, 450 feet for central inverters and storage systems, and additional distances from property lines, roadways, churches, and schools.

The board also mandated visual buffers such as existing vegetation or new evergreen plantings, limits on construction hours, and site security fencing prior to activation of any electrical work. Lost City Renewables must also implement

a complaint resolution program and provide regular reports on community concerns.

A decommissioning plan must be submitted at least one month before construction begins, and a bond covering decommissioning costs will be required and filed with the Muhlenberg County Fiscal Court.

Other requirements include:

- Submission of a finalized site layout and emergency response plan
- Site-specific training for local emergency responders
- Pollinator-friendly landscaping on at least two acres
- Repair or reimbursement for any road or bridge damage

The Siting Board de-

termined the project meets the requirements of Kentucky law, provided that all conditions are met. The full list of conditions, along with case documents and hearing videos, can be found at [psc.ky.gov](http://psc.ky.gov) under case number 2024-00406.

Additional project details are also available at the developer’s website: [www.lostcity-solar.com](http://www.lostcity-solar.com).

The Siting Board includes members of the Public Service Commission, representatives from state environmental and economic development agencies, and local officials from the project area.

Construction on the Lost City Solar Project has not yet been scheduled.

## Lovan family urges nationwide ban of Sig Sauer P320 handgun

GREENVILLE — The Lovan family is calling on the U.S. military, federal agencies, and law enforcement across the country to stop using the Sig Sauer P320 pistol and its variants following the death of Airman Brayden Lovan.

Lovan, 21, died on July 20 at F.E. Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne, Wyoming. According to officials, the M18 pistol he was carrying, the military version of the P320, discharged unexpectedly while he was on duty with the 90th Security Forces Squadron.

In response, the U.S. Air Force paused use of the M18 across its Global Strike Command and ordered inspections of the weapon. A formal investigation into the incident is ongoing.

The Lovan family is represented by Philadelphia attorney Robert Zimmerman, who also represents more than 100 individuals claiming injury or death from unintended discharges involving the P320 model. The family is concerned that another uncommanded firing could occur and is considering a wrongful death lawsuit against Sig Sauer.

Sig Sauer has denied that the firearm can discharge without the trigger being pulled and stated it is cooperating with the military’s investigation.

Other agencies have also taken action in response to safety concerns. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) banned the use of the P320 earlier this summer. The Houston Police Department recently prohibited officers from carrying the weapon after an officer was injured by an alleged accidental discharge. Some units under the Air Force’s Air Combat Command have also restricted M18 use, and departments in cities such as Milwaukee and Dallas have begun transitioning away from the platform.

## Dock Trot 2025 set for September 13

LAKE MALONE, KY – The Muhlenberg County Tourism Commission is gearing up for Dock Trot 2025 and is excited to bring back this fun, annual event to Lake Malone! The event is set for Saturday, September 13th with a crowd-pleasing line-up of new bands.

New for 2025 “Boats on Parade” kicks off the event with a splash at 2:15PM located at the MCTC Red Dock Trot Stop at the Lake Malone State Park Marina.

This is where boaters will grab their official Dock Trot swag to start the fun. Boaters are encouraged to dress up their boats and show off their creativity—think floaties, flags, flamingos, and full-on lake flair.

Departure is at 2:45 PM as we parade our way to the RE/MAX Michael E. Miller Blue

Dock Trot Stop for the first live performance by Corduroy Cadets.

2025 Dock Trot Band **Lineup & Dock Stops:**

- 3:00–4:30 PM – Corduroy Cadets at the RE/MAX Michael E. Miller Blue Dock Trot Stop

The Corduroy Cadets are a bluegrass and folk-rock trio based in Nashville, Tennessee, celebrated for blending traditional country roots with fresh, inventive arrangements. Featuring the talents of George Carnes from Louisville, Kentucky, on vocals, guitar, steel guitar, and banjo; Luke Samuel from Marquette, Michigan, a gifted songwriter who also sings and plays guitar; and Colin Bowling from Georgetown, Texas, whose vocals, fiddle, and guitar work bring both ener-

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