

## Property Transfers



Penny J. Boden to Levi B. Gerike and Madelyn T. Gerike. 27.755 acres Poplar Flat. \$115,000.

William Bickley, Ruth Bickley, Bernetta Messbarger, Eric Messbarger, Geneva Kilgore, Henry Kilgore, Matthew Bickley, Rena Bickley, Joseph Bickley, Mark Bickley, and Janet Bickley to David Hardin and Laurie Jo Hardin. 1.175 acres KY Hwy. 10. \$60,000.

People's Self-Help Housing Inc. to Gavan Palmer and Krystalin Buckler. Lot 3 Valley View Subdivision, Tollesboro. \$85,000.

Charles M. Bell and Cynthia L. Bell to Charles M. Bell and Justin Michael Bell. Tracts along East Fork of Cabin Creek. No monetary consideration.

Jenny Lynn O'Berry, James Brian O'Berry, Kentucky Housing Corporation, Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC, Division of Unemployment Ins., and Lykins Clayton G. Jr. Master Commissioner to Daystar Properties LLC. Parcel KY 10. \$71,000.

Mackey Farms Inc. to Joseph E. Peltier. 163.054 acres KY 57 Tollesboro-Concord Rd. \$442,368.

David Polley and Deborah Polley to James Paul Stephens and Amber D. Stephens. 35.6222 acres Phillips Creek/Bridgeport. \$135,000.

Brandon Cropper and Kayla Cropper to Cody Wolfe and Kimberly Wolfe. Two tracts near Concord deed. \$80,000.

Donnie Ray Rayburn and Kathy Rayburn to Michael Dilks. 1.186 acres Lewis County deed. \$293,000.

Kimberly Hord to Bryan Hord and Alexa Hord. 2.263 acres Maple Rd., Tollesboro. \$7,000.

Ora Renee Graves to McKenzie Howard and Brandon Scott Bentley. Two parcels near Quincy /Garrison. \$156,000.

Gregory D. Conley to Jerome Hess and Michelle Hess. 1.043 acres Hazel Rd., Vanceburg. No monetary consideration.

Repo LLC and John J. Yoder to Bruner Land Company Inc. 103 acres Cabin Creek. \$290,000.

Emanuel Baptist Church to Stephen Himes and Glenda Himes. 7446 E. KY

8, Garrison, Emmanuel Baptist Church. \$10,000.

John R. Horsley and Mary Jane Horsley to Gerald Bayless and Billie Jean Bayless. 451 Meadowbrook Rd. Lot #1 Meadowbrook Sub. Sec. \$35,000.

KPS Holdings, LLC to Hardy Family LLC. Parcel KY 59. \$437,327.81.

Donald G. Carver Jr. and Sherry Ann Carver to Bobby G. Napier and Elsie Sue Napier. Two tracts KY-O-Heights Subdivision. \$49,000.

Leslie J. Jewell and David C. Jewell to Leslie J. Jewell, David C. Jewell, and the Jewell Family Trust. Lot 25 Shawnee Bottoms Subdivision. Gifted.

Alvin C. Stofer, Debbie S. Stofer, Anne P. Stoner Stofer,

Connie L. Tucker, and Rose Carolyn Turner to Damon R. Graf. 221.980 acres Big Branch, Ulett Branch, Buck Lick. \$45,000.

James David Loan and Sadie Diane Loan to Johnny Rayburn and Debbie Rayburn. One acre Black Oak. \$45,000.

Alexandra J. Olewinski and William Olewinski to Red Arrow Farm LLC. 24.36 acres lot 9A Bruner Mead II Subdivision. \$74,000.

Wesley Willis Thomas and Kathy Jo Thomas to Kenneth R. Gerike. Two parcels Lewis County/Simmons Road. \$210,000.

George S. Sparks and Kimberly D. Sparks to Wesley Willis Thomas and Kathy Jo Thomas. Two parcels Lewis County, Simmons

Road, Tollesboro. \$205,000.

William T. Carver and Andrea Carver to Randy Thompson. Lots #5 and #6 Riverview Addition, Garrison. \$25,000.

Justin Brent Fryer to Brandon Royal. Two parcels, Vanceburg. \$75,000.

James E. Harris and Sarah L. Harris to Nicholas B. Hord. Parcel KY 10, Tollesboro. \$90,000.

Jim Savage to Ronnie J. Craft and Ronnie J. Craft Living Trust. 78.494 acres North Fork Ridge Road. \$230,000.

David Ervin Chappelow II and Kendra Cornelia Chappelow to David Ervin Chappelow II and Kendra Cornelia Chappelow. One acre KY 8. Love and affection.

## Legislative Update

State Representative Patrick Flannery



### Lawmakers return to Frankfort for part two of session

Lawmakers returned to Frankfort on February 4 to resume the 2025 Regular Session and got right to work filing several bills, meeting with constituents, and attending committee meetings.

The biggest victory of the week was the Senate passage of legislation that will make Kentucky more competitive by lowering the state's individual income tax to 3.5 percent as of January 2026. This measure is the next step in the legislature's efforts to leave more money in the pockets of Kentuck-

ians, empowering them to save, invest, and spend in ways that benefit their own communities. This measure not only helps Kentuckians, but also strengthens Kentucky's economic competitiveness, making it an even more attractive place to work.

A lower income tax fosters growth, creates jobs, and ensures that our state remains on a path toward sustained prosperity. HB 1 continues the House Majority's efforts to eliminate the individual income tax entirely. In 2018, the General Assembly first acted to decrease the individual income tax rate from 6 percent to 5

percent, which resulted in historic economic growth, as well as record job creation and state revenue. Lawmakers passed legislation HB 8 22RS that lays the groundwork to eliminate the individual income tax entirely but includes preset triggers that must be met before the legislature can move to decrease the tax in half a percentage point increments. These triggers essentially hold funding for state programs and agencies harmless. I am pleased to share that the bill was signed into law just a day after the House and Senate sent it to the Governor's desk. We were, of course, prepared to

override another veto if necessary.

As session continues, I look forward to discussing the legislation we are working on, especially how it will help bring about change throughout the Commonwealth. I wanted to take some time to inform you about some of the bills passed out of committee.

Teacher Red Tape Reduction Act: Members of the House Education Committee approved HB 48, which would remove burdensome administrative policies and standards that take a teacher's time away from the students in the classroom. This measure would standardize professional development schedules, reduce the frequency of summative evaluations, and remove unnecessary requirements set by the Kentucky Department of Education to give teachers more time to focus on instruction.

Landon's Law/Choking Safety in Schools: Another bill passed by committee this week was HB 44, also known as Landon's Law. The measure would require schools to train staff to use

anti-choking devices if they have purchased the equipment. Qualified staff would also receive instruction on the proper technique of the Heimlich maneuver. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that schools have anti-choking devices to improve student safety and comply with the American Disabilities Act (ADA). In addition, the anti-choking device manufacturer LifeVac provides schools with a free choking rescue device upon request. This device is registered and regulated by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Individual Liberty: HB 27 also passed committee this week, which would clarify existing law on planned communities to prohibit all homeowner associations from banning political yard signs. The bill maintains the authority of associations to regulate size and duration of political yard signs, while primarily protecting the first amendment rights of homeowners.

Protecting Elections: House Elections, Constitutional Amendments, and In-

tergovernmental Affairs approved legislation, HB 45, aimed at bringing consistency in election laws banning foreign nationals from attempting to influence our elections via donations and political advertising. Foreign nationals are already banned from donating to influence candidate elections, and this law would extend that ban to proposed ballot measures, like the constitutional amendments that were on our November ballot.

Celebrating Kentucky's Rich History: Members of the House State Government Committee approved HB 313, which would designate the month of June as "Kentucky History Month."

As always, I hope you will feel free to contact me with any questions or issues. I can be reached through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. Please feel free to email me at Patrick.Flannery@kylegislature.gov. If you would like more information about the legislature, you can visit the Legislative Research Commission website at legislature.ky.gov.

### Flannery files "Buy American" measure

Last week, Representative Patrick Flannery of Olive Hill filed HB 345, the Kentucky Buy American Act. The measure would require that state and local contracts contain a provision that any iron, steel, aluminum, or manufactured goods used in state and local projects be manufactured in the United States, unless a waiver is granted.

"Requiring iron, steel, aluminum, or manufactured goods used in state and local projects to be manufactured in the U.S., unless a waiver is granted, will help strengthen the economy and support American workers and businesses," said Flannery. "Ultimately, I filed HB 345 to empower American workers and manufacturers."

The bill is not a mandate to purchase goods made in the U.S., but rather requires that the purchasing process include consideration of such

goods. In determining whether to issue a waiver, this measure would require the purchasing agent to consider whether applying this provision would be inconsistent with public interest, whether the iron, steel, aluminum, or manufactured goods necessary for the contract are not manufactured in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities or of a satisfactory quality, or if adhering to the provision would increase the overall cost of the contract by more than 10%. A request for a waiver must be filed with the purchasing agent at least 30 days before the bid or proposal opening, with notice and an opportunity for public comment provided at least 20 days prior, and a decision rendered no later than seven days before the opening.

Additionally, a person would be prohibited from re-

ceiving any contract or subcontract with a governmental body if they have been found by a court or federal or state agency to have intentionally affixed a "Made in America" inscription, or one with the same meaning, to any iron, steel, aluminum, or manufactured goods used in state or local government projects that were not manufactured in the U.S., or falsely represented that the materials were manufactured in the U.S.

"It is time to make steel, iron, and aluminum not only in Kentucky, but in northeastern Kentucky," Flannery added. "America First means making and buying American-made building materials. This bill is good for America, future economic development, and the American worker."

To keep track of HB 345 during the 2025 Regular Session, please visit legislature.ky.gov.

## MCTC hosts resume and interview skills workshop

By Rachel Adkins

Maysville Community and Technical College recently hosted a highly informative resume and interview skills workshop, equipping participants with essential strategies to craft effective resumes and succeed in job interviews.

The workshop, led by Cassie Hunt, a business service coordinator for the Kentucky Career Center, focused on resume-building techniques, resume characteristics and how to avoid common mistakes. Attendees gained practical insights into what employers seek and how to communicate their skills and experiences effectively.

"Working with the TENCO Kentucky Career Center to host the Resume Workshop, was a start to providing services and resources to our students and community, in a collaborative effort," remarked De'Sarae Perry, Director of Workforce Development at MCTC. "TENCO is a great partner that we haven't truly tapped into for our full student population, and

they offer some great workshops and workforce resources that can benefit our students tremendously. This workshop is the start to a great partnership, with many other initiatives to come."

One key topic discussed in the workshop revolves around the essential components of a resume. Attendees of the workshop learned what information to include in a resume, such as contact details, a professional summary, education, work experience, special skills, relevant activities, job descriptions and measurable achievements.

Another topic discussed in the workshop focused on common resume mistakes. The workshop highlighted

frequent resume pitfalls, such as grammatical errors, typos, the use of personal pronouns and inappropriate resume templates. Inappropriate resume templates often feature headshots, tables or hobbies, according to Hunt.

Among several other key topics, attendees were also introduced to resume-building tools, such as Ky-CareerEdge.com, which provides templates and resources for crafting job-ready resumes.

MCTC's Workforce Solutions department continues to support job seekers by offering career development workshops, resume-building assistance and interview preparation resources.

## Planned Parenthood announces new bills

By Brian Wilkerson

Keeping a promise to never stop trying to restore reproductive healthcare access in the commonwealth, Kentucky House Democratic Caucus Whip Lindsey Burke announced two bills today with Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates-KY that would return abortion care as it was for decades and protect Kentuckians who travel out of state for healthcare services they cannot legally obtain here.

"This summer will mark the third anniversary since a U.S. Supreme Court ruling and a state trigger law effectively outlawed abortion in Kentucky," Rep. Burke of Lexington said. "During this time, women have suffered significantly. Many have been at much greater risk of dying or being severely injured as a direct result of these actions, while all women have seen a cloud descend over our reproductive health care. Women deserve better. That's why I have filed these bills before and why I am announcing their filing today."

"We refuse to sit silently as politicians dictate personal health care decisions and chip away at our basic freedoms," said Tamarra

Wieder, the Kentucky State Director for Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates-KY. "Representative Burke's bills are the first bold actions to reclaim agency ripped from us by the Dobbs decision and the abortion ban put in place by the Kentucky supermajority. At a moment when new federal threats could lock in even more restrictions on crucial reproductive care, this legislation acts as a fierce defense of patients, providers, and the sanctity of private medical information. Now more than ever, Kentucky must rise to protect people's right to decide what's best for their own bodies and lives."

Rep. Burke is calling her House Bill 419 North Star, because it would guide abortion care back to where it was for decades after the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court Roe v. Wade ruling. "For most of my life, this care and access were seen by many Kentuckians as normal and just another facet of healthcare," she said. "Returning us to that time is not a radical idea, no matter how much others might say otherwise."

Her other legislation – House Bill 418, which she calls the Shield Bill – would

strengthen privacy by blocking prosecutors from charging anyone involved when a woman travels to other states for reproductive health care services not legally available in Kentucky. "As we saw with former Attorney General Daniel Cameron, who led what the Kentucky Court of Appeals called a 'fishing expedition' of two abortion providers, the threat to families and physicians is very much real. If we cannot restore abortion care as it was, then at the very least we must better protect those who are forced to go elsewhere. It is no one's business what they do in this regard."

Rep. Burke said that growing federal threats to reproductive health are another reason why the General Assembly should act now. At the same time, she added, voters in several states last November favored initiatives expanding abortion access. "I believe a majority of Americans have made their views clear, and that includes Kentuckians in 2022's vote against an anti-abortion amendment," she said. "We need to stop politicizing health care, because it's causing so much harm."

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