

**FIRE SEASON**

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occurrence of wildfire. Taking extra precautions with debris fires and campfires, and being alert to forest arson can eliminate the majority of wildfires that occur in Kentucky.

Be aware of all outdoor burning restrictions, including wildfire hazard seasons, air pollution regulations, state waste management regulations, restrictions imposed by local ordinances, and county burn bans. The Division for Air Quality has many outdoor burning restrictions. More information can be found at <https://eec.ky.gov/Environmental-Protection/Air/Pages/Open-Burning.aspx>

Avoid burning debris during wildfire hazard seasons and during times of dry, windy conditions. Outdoor burning is ille-

gal between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. in or within 150 feet of any woodland or brushland during wildfire hazard seasons, February 15 - April 30 and October 1 - December 15.

Incorporate "firewise" practices around homes and communities in forested areas. Firewise practices range from creating a defensible space around homes by removing leaves, debris, and firewood to ensuring access for safety personnel and equipment in rural or isolated areas.

Report suspicious acts of arson to local law enforcement, the nearest Kentucky State Police post or call the Target Arson Hotline at 1-800-27-ARSON.

More ideas to firewise your home can be found at <https://eec.ky.gov/Natural-Resources/Forestry/>

wildland-fire-management/Pages/Kentucky-Firewise-Program.aspx

For more information on ways that you can prevent wildfires and loss of property, along with a map of local KDF field offices visit, <https://eec.ky.gov/Natural-Resources/Forestry/Pages/default.aspx>

**DRILL**

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manent structure.

• When a tornado warning is issued, go to your basement and stay away from windows. If you have no basement, go to a small interior room like a bathroom or closet on the lowest floor and crouch down. Even in an interior room you should cover yourself with thick padding to protect against falling debris, such as the ceiling or roof.

car was swept away in flood waters.

A "significant number" of the deaths in the state were from "people deciding to drive through standing or running water," the governor said.

Judge Executive George Sparks said signs had been

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**RESCUE**

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one a child of God gone too soon. Please join Britany and me as we pray for their families."

Reported victims of the storms include adults who died from hypothermia, as well as at least one child who died with their mother when their

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**HB 368**

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is placed in the local newspaper, dated and cannot be changed after the fact. In addition, it is placed on a website managed by the Kentucky Press Association where all legal notices in Kentucky can be found easily - [www.kypublicnotices.com](http://www.kypublicnotices.com).

HB368 seeks to have entities including county and city governments place public notices on their own websites, yet many have only one employee, if any, and can't even keep their current websites updated. I found one city website in my area that hadn't been updated with meetings or ordinances since 2020. Two others had very little information, none of the council members were current and the monthly meeting time listed was listed wrong.

Officials have said they would create their own statewide website for all notices. I would argue that they are going to spend a lot more money creating a website we have already created and maintained successfully. Right now, paid legal notices are currently a very small part of county and city budgets - only 0.16%.

So why change? Is this what is really best for the community?

In counties of 80,000 or more a bill was passed in Kentucky to change the rules of public notices due to the cost of the larger newspapers. Yet, many of those counties, including Boone, Campbell, Fayette, Kenton, Madison and Warren, have decided that newspapers are still the best way to get their notices out and have continued to place them in newspapers despite the change.

Regardless of the county size, public notices should be posted by a third party, and with a newspaper in almost every county (and

statewide website already in place) it just makes good, common sense.

Besides the concerns I've already addressed, while legal notices are not the only revenue that keep newspapers going - it is a part of it, and some smaller, rural counties will probably lose their local newspaper if this bill is passed. A community without a local newspaper is a community without a heartbeat, and countless studies have shown in news deserts across this country that there will be negative, long-term effects for the community.

No, it is not the job of the legislature to keep newspapers running but why are they so against doing something that maintains transparency and at the same time, would hurt some of the oldest local businesses in this state?

I'm not blind to the criticism of the media and think that cable news networks have hurt our industry as a whole. I was

trained that a journalist is to cover the facts and to try and keep any biases out. I think your local newspapers do a pretty darn good job at still doing that. We have opinion/editorial pages that are open for opinions to be shared and topics to be discussed but they are clearly labeled and kept separate from the news content.

Your local newspaper employees are not pushing an agenda. We are actively involved and serving in our communities. We live, work, play and volunteer right alongside our community members. We take our role very seriously, and that includes publishing your public notices.

Any bill that seeks to change how public notices are handled, or diminishes public meetings or public records, is going to be harmful to the community, and your local newspaper, in the long run. I urge you to stand up with your local newspaper and help us keep these three in place.

**Legislative Update**

State Representative Patrick Flannery



**Educating Kentucky children**

Education remains the General Assembly's top priority this session. Last session, we provided our K-12 education system with historic investments included in HB 1 and HB 6 and provided schools with stronger strategies to improve student performance in mathematics through the Numeracy Counts Act (HB 162, 2024). This session, there has been no shortage of bills filed related to our education system ranging from efforts to help schools recover from the severe weather we have faced this winter to legislation addressing the administrative burdens our teachers face in the classroom.

Several education-related measures have cleared committee and/or the full House this week, including:

**Addressing the healthcare workforce shortage through scholarships:** HB 305 aims to address the healthcare worker shortage in the commonwealth by extending healthcare training scholarships funded by the Kentucky healthcare workforce investment fund, established in HB 200 from the 2023 Regular Session, to physician assistants, dietitians, and nutritionists. HB 305 passed the House of Representatives 92-0 and is on its way to the Senate for consideration.

**Establishing college credit transfer pathways for high-demand degrees:** HB 427 would establish college credit transfer pathways for high-demand degree pathways between KCTCS and 4-year institutions ensuring that college credits earned are applied to a student's degree. This legislation passed the House 93-0 and is on its way to the Senate for consideration.

**Establishing performance standards for higher education educators:** HB 424 would establish a performance and productivity evaluation for employees at public higher education institutions, administered at least every four years. This legislation would permit universities to remove employees who do not meet performance or productivity standards.

**Improving school**

**safety:** HB 14 continues the work the General Assembly has done to improve school safety. It would allow school districts to employ an enhanced security system that includes a wearable alert alarm system and direct the Center for School Safety to establish the Wearable Panic Alert Grant Program to support districts as they seek access to these devices.

**Reducing red tape in education:** HB 48 removes administrative burdens placed on teachers, schools, and school districts that do not improve their ability to educate students.

**Promoting advanced coursework in schools:** HB 190 would require school districts to establish an advanced coursework pathway policy with automatic enrollment for high potential students who are distinguished for grades 4-12.

**Supporting school districts through severe weather:** would allow school districts to shift their calendar model from 170 instructional days to 1,062 instructional hours. This would allow schools to extend school days to offset

lost instructional time due to school closures. Additionally, this legislation would allow the Commissioner of Education to grant up to five disaster relief days for alternative student instruction and waive up to five student attendance days to school districts that would be unable to achieve 1,062 instructional hours with an extended schedule by June 4, 2025. HB 421 passed the House 82-7 and will move on to the Senate for consideration.

**Identifying and supporting low performing schools:** HB 298 would require the Department of Education to annually review schools to determine CSI status. This would allow KDE to provide support to more school districts. Federal law requires CSI identification every three years.

As always, I can be reached anytime through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. You can also contact me via email at [Patrick.Flannery@kylegislature.gov](mailto:Patrick.Flannery@kylegislature.gov) and keep track through the Kentucky legislature's website at [legislature.ky.gov](http://legislature.ky.gov).

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**NOTICE OF MASTER COMMISSIONER'S SALE**

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Lewis Circuit Court on January 24, 2025, to raise the sum of \$8,750.99, plus interest, fees and costs, I will expose for sale to the highest and best bidder, at the Lewis County Courthouse, 112 Second Street, Vanceburg, Kentucky, 41179, on Thursday, February 27, 2025, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., the following property:

A tract of land located at 60 Howey Lane, Garrison, KY 41141, and identified as Lewis Co. P.V.A. Parcel No.: 120-00-00-037.02. The land is more particularly described in the record of this action located in the office of the Lewis Circuit Court Clerk, where it can be reviewed upon request.

Terms of the sale are as follows: (A) At the time of sale, the successful bidder shall either pay cash or make a deposit of 10% of the purchase price with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. In the event the successful bidder elects to credit the balance, said bidder shall post bond with surety acceptable to the Master Commissioner and pre-approved by the Master Commissioner at least by noon, two (2) business days before the sale date, as security for the unpaid purchase price, bearing interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date of the sale. The surety must be present at the sale and must own real estate in Kentucky, but may not be the successful bidder's spouse. A lien shall be retained by the Commissioner as security for the purchase price; (B) The purchaser shall assume and pay all taxes and assessments for the current fiscal year. (C) All other delinquent taxes and assessments for previous years shall be paid from the sale proceeds if properly claimed in writing and filed of record by the purchaser within ten (10) days from the date of sale; (D) If a successful bid is less than two-thirds of the appraised value, the defendant shall retain a right of redemption for six months from the date of sale; the purchaser shall receive an immediate writ of possession and a deed containing a lien in favor of the defendant reflecting the defendant's right of redemption. KRS 426.530; (E) The property shall otherwise be sold free and clear of any right, title and interest of all parties to the action and of their liens and encumbrances thereon, excepting easements and restrictions of record in the Lewis County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the Defendant(s); (F) For more particulars, reference is made to the records of the Lewis Circuit Clerk; (G) Bidders are advised to obtain a title examination; (H) Exceptions must be filed not later than ten (10) days following the filing of the Commissioner's Report of Sale; (I) Risk of loss for the subject property shall pass to the purchaser on the date of sale, and possession of the premises shall pass to the purchaser upon payment of the purchase price and delivery of deed.

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