




Webster County Middle School Wins Regional Math Competition

The Webster County Middle School math team has won the regional math competition. The team won first place in the eighth-grade Regional Math competition out of seven teams.

Madisonville Community College hosted the event, which also announced individual winners, including Maddox Dunn, who was first overall in

the region, and Isaac Jobe, who was second overall. WCMS Math Teacher Catherine Hughes coaches the team.

Members of the WCMS math team, pictured here, include Brandon Abbott, Adalee Tapp, Isaac Jobe, Alex Floyd, Maddox Dunn, Logan Lovelace and Coach Catherine Hughes



God Knows You

By Dr. Bob Hardison

Jesus's Second Coming Is A Certain Reality

Q: Ever since I been in church, I heard it preached that Jesus is coming again to earth again to rule and reign. I mentioned this to my neighbor, and she ridiculed and mocked me for believing in Jesus's return. Is what Jesus said about His return a hoax or is it something I need to be expectantly waiting for?

A: Jesus often used the phrase, "the Son of man" to refer to Himself. "As the days of Noah were, so the coming of the Son of Man will be. For in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah boarded the ark. They didn't know until the flood came and swept them all away. This is the way the coming of the Son of Man will be. . . . This is why you are also to be ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect" (Matt. 24:37-39, 44).

Just as Jesus predicted the destruction of

the temple in Jerusalem and it occurred in 70 AD and His arrest, crucifixion and resurrection and they happened as He said, we can be assured that His second coming will occur at the time God, the Father, has planned.

Jesus gave us this glimpse of this coming event to encourage of this joyful future reality. We're to live with a sense of holy expectancy. Also, His second coming should stir our hearts to do everything we can to communicate the gospel to the lost people around us. There's never been a greater need or opportunity to share the gospel.

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Two WCHS Seniors Win Independence Bank Scholarships

The 2025 Independence Bank Scholarship program has awarded 71 high school seniors from across Kentucky a total of \$139,400 in scholarships to help them continue their academic journeys.

The recipients were honored at a special in-person reception held at Independence Bank's Frederica Street location in Owensboro. The event brought together students, families and Bank leadership to recognize the accomplishments of the class of 2025.

Students from Webster County who won Independence Bank scholarships include Kennedy Warren who won the John Thacker Scholarship totaling \$10,000, and Sara Welshans who was a Charles A. Reid scholarship finalist and won a \$500

award. Welshans was also presented the Webster County Community Board scholarship in the amount of \$2700.

Charles A. Reid Scholarship is the original scholarship that started the Independence Bank program in 2001. It is given in honor of Charles A. Reid, former Independence Bank Founder, CEO and President. A finalist is chosen from each market that Independence Bank serves and those finalists each receive a \$500 scholarship.

The Community Board Scholarships are funded entirely by Independence Bank's local community boards in each market. Applicants are reviewed by a "Our goal has always been to invest in more than just education—we're investing in

people," said Lauren Patton, Bank Charitable Foundation Manager. "These students have shown us their determination and grit, and it's a privilege to celebrate this moment with them and their families."

More than 460 applications were received from across the Bank's 15-county footprint, showcasing a wide variety of student achievements and community contributions. Awards ranged from \$500 to \$15,000, with ten recipients earning scholarships of \$5,000 or more. "We're proud to play a role in helping these students take that next step," said Phil Riney, President of Independence Bank. "These recipients are thoughtful, driven and deeply committed to making a difference—and

that gives us great confidence in the future of our communities."

Since its inception in 2001, the Independence Bank Scholarship Program has awarded nearly \$2 million to deserving high school seniors. It was the vision of the late Charles A. Reid, a founding partner of Independence Bank and father of current Chairman Chris Reid. Before his passing, Charles expressed a deep desire to create a scholarship fund to support students who otherwise might not be able to attend college. His legacy continues today, through the expansion and evolution of the program that also involves employees of the bank in many ways each year.

"The impact of this program is felt and seen year after year," Bank CEO Greg

Mullican reflected. "We've met students who go on to lead, serve and uplift the very towns they grew up in. That kind of full-circle impact is what community banking is all about."

Applicants were selected through a comprehensive review process that evaluates academic excellence, financial need, extracurricular involvement, community service and personal essays.

As Independence Bank continues to grow across the Commonwealth, so does its investment in education, leadership and charitable giving.

"Each scholarship is more than just a financial backing," Patton added. "It's a vote of confidence in the dreams of a student—and we're proud to always be part of their unfolding story."

NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY

RECOVERY BY ENVIRONMENTAL SURCHARGE OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY'S 2025 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE PLAN

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that in an April 30, 2025 Application, Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") is seeking approval by the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission") in Case No. 2025-00105, pursuant to Kentucky Revised Statute 278.183, of an amended compliance plan ("2025 Plan"). (Collectively, KU's Application and supporting testimony and exhibits are KU's "tariff filing.") If approved, KU will begin recovering capital costs associated with a new pollution control facility in the 2025 Plan under KU's existing Electric Rate Schedule ECR (also known as the Environmental Surcharge tariff) through an increase in the environmental surcharge on customers' bills beginning in December 2025.

KU filed an application with the Commission on February 28, 2025, in Case No. 2025-00045 seeking approval to construct a selective catalytic reduction system at the Ghent generating station to reduce nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions, which are a precursor to ozone. In Case No. 2025-00105, KU is seeking an order approving the 2025 Plan to recover the costs of this new pollution control facility through its Environmental Surcharge tariff. This project will help ensure ongoing compliance with regulations issued under the federal Clean Air Act as amended, including the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone.

The estimated total capital cost of this new pollution control facility is \$152.3 million. Additionally, KU is requesting recovery of future incremental capital and operation and maintenance expenses associated with this new pollution control facility. KU is also asking to recover the cost of publishing this customer notice through the Environmental Surcharge over 12 months and to have Environmental Surcharge recovery of future Commission-approved administrative expenses, including customer notice costs.

Beginning in December 2025, the initial bill impact for KU's Group 1 customers is estimated to be a 0.01% increase with a maximum increase of 0.81% in 2029. Group 1 includes Rate Schedules Residential Service (RS), Residential Time-of-Day Energy Service (RTODE), Residential Time-of-Day Demand Service (RTODD), Volunteer Fire Department Service (VFD), All Electric School (AES), and all Lighting Rates (i.e., LS, RLS, LE, and TE).

RS and VFD customers using 1,085 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.01 up to \$1.09. RTODE customers using 1,043 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.01 up to \$1.14. RTODD customers using 987 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.02 up to \$1.80. AES customers using 25,620 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.30 up to \$24.28. LS and RLS customers could expect a monthly increase of \$0.00 up to \$0.12. LE customers using 2,473 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.02 up to \$1.59. TE customers using 147 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.00 up to \$0.15.

Beginning in December 2025, the initial bill impact for KU's Group 2 customers is estimated to be a 0.01% increase with a maximum increase of 1.10% in 2029. Group 2 includes Rate Schedules General Service (GS), General Time-of-Day Energy Service (GTODE), General Time-of-Day Demand Service (GTODD), Power Service (PS), Time-of-Day Secondary Service (TODS), Time-of-Day Primary Service (TODP), Retail Transmission Service (RTS), Fluctuating Load Service (FLS), and Outdoor Sports Lighting Service (OSL).

GS customers using 1,657 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.03 up to \$2.41. GTODD customers using 19,652 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.31 up to \$25.26. PS-Secondary customers using 30,434 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.39 up to \$32.35. PS-Primary customers using 35,028 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.45 up to \$36.82. TODS customers using 189,538 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$1.54 up to \$126.82. TODP customers using 1,242,574 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$8.25 up to \$678.42. RTS customers using 7,387,224 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$38.91 up to \$3,199.31. FLS-Transmission customers using 44,229,667 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$237.46 up to \$19,525.53. OSL-Secondary customers using 4,627 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.17 up to \$13.87.

The Application described in this Notice is proposed by KU, but the Commission may issue an order resulting in an environmental surcharge for customers other than the environmental surcharge described in this Notice.

Comments regarding KU's 2025 Plan and Application may be submitted to the Commission through its website or by mail to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

Any person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the initial publication of this Notice, the Commission may take final action on the Application.

Any person may examine KU's tariff filing at the Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the Commission's website at <http://psc.ky.gov> or KU's website (<http://www.lge-ku.com>) after KU makes its tariff filing on April 30, 2025. KU has requested a deviation from the requirement to make the tariff filing available at its office at One Quality Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40507. If the Commission denies that request, KU will make the tariff filing available at its office upon request by any person.