



THE FOAM was flowing at the Greenville City Pool on Saturday. Covered in bubbles in top photo are Sierra Groves and Cecilia Linsatta, 7, both of Greenville. Children play near the foam dispenser in bottom photo.--George Austin photos



Solar farm gets certificate

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 • Lost City Renewables shall initiate and maintain the complaint resolution program provided to the siting board in the case record to address any complaints from community members. They shall submit annually a status report associated with its complaint resolution program, providing, among other things, the individual complaints, how Lost City Renewables addressed those complaints, and the ultimate resolution of those complaints identifying whether the resolution was to the complainant's satisfaction.

The siting board found that Lost City Renewables met the requirements of KRS 278.710(1) so long as the company complies with these mitigation measures and conditions. Appendix A of today's order provides a complete list and additional details on all of the required mitigation measures and conditions. Today's order, a video of the hearing, and other records in the case are available on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov. The case number is 2024-00406. The siting board members 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 PSC is an independent agency attached for administrative purposes to the Energy and Environment Cabinet. It regulates more than 1,100 gas, water, sewer, electric and telecommunication utilities operating in Kentucky and has approximately 90 employees.

3 Kentucky hospitals ranked

BY MELISSA PATRICK
Kentucky Health News
 Three Kentucky hospitals have been named among the top 200 hospitals for cancer care in Newsweek's third annual ranking of America's Best Cancer Hospitals. The University of Kentucky Albert B. Chandler Hospital's Markey Cancer Center in Lexington was ranked among the top 50 cancer centers nationwide, at 43. The report also highlighted its excellence

in lung and breast cancer care. Markey has been a National Cancer Institute-designated cancer center since 2013, and is one of only 57 cancer centers in the country to earn the NCI's Comprehensive Cancer Center designation, according to a university press release. The other Kentucky hospitals making the list are Baptist Health Lexington, at 145, and St. Elizabeth Edgewood Hospital, at 165.

This year, more than two million people in the United States are expected to be diagnosed with some form of cancer, according to the American Cancer Society's Cancer Facts & Figures 2025 report. In Kentucky, which leads the nation in both cancer cases and cancer deaths, that same report estimates there will be 30,420 new cases of cancer in 2025. Newsweek partnered with Statista, a research firm, to compile the list.



SEVERAL HUNDRED people gathered around the courthouse square in Greenville to pay their respects to Airman Brayden Lovan as he was returned home on Saturday. Airman Lovan, 21, of Greenville, passed away on July 20 after a tragic accident in Cheyenne, Wyo. where he was stationed at the F.E. Warren Air Force Base. His funeral was held on Monday at Felix Martin Jr. Hall.--Times-Argus photo by Charlotte Ball

Church fairs introduce college students to a second family

BY SCOTT BARKLEY
Baptist Press

The first couple of weeks are crucial for a college student, especially those away from home for the first time. A new environment awaits.

New place. New patterns. New people.

Church fairs have become a way for on-campus ministries to connect students with a local body of believers. A church provides not only a place to grow in their faith, but a community for guidance, not to mention that occasional non-fast-food meal.

"It's been a wonderful opportunity," said Will Cleland, associate pastor of Abner Creek Baptist Church in nearby Greer, S.C., of the church fair hosted at North Greenville University. "It helps us connect with students, share the importance of being part of a local church and get solid Christian literature into their hands."

The NGU fair, which will take place this year on Aug. 21, puts more than that into their hands. Last year more than 100 churches gave away dorm staples like Pop-tarts, ramen, mac & cheese, granola bars and snack cakes. There were also hangers, coffee mugs, pens, Tide pods, toilet paper and hand sanitizer.

A sheet listing 53 available items was handed out to students by Joshua Gilmore and the NGU Church and Community Relations department, which coordinates the event that is open to all students. Participants were encouraged to bring their laundry baskets or a plastic tote to carry their haul back to their room.

"Everybody can get involved in engaging students," said Gilmore, an NGU alum who arrived as senior director for Church and Community Relations in 2018. "It doesn't have to cost much. When churches hand out a slice of watermelon, students slow down to eat and it provides a

chance to talk. You learn about them and even some things you have in common."

About a half-dozen churches were coming to an informal church-fair-type gathering in the dining hall when Gilmore arrived. He and his team set to work growing it into what it is now--an event requiring space on the student rec fields and even including food trucks.

About 90 percent of the participating churches are Baptist, and all are required to be "Bible-believing and Gospel-preaching," said Gilmore, who points to the collaborative effort as substantial in reaching students.

The number of Vietnamese students on NGU's campus is in the single digits, Gilmore estimated, but that didn't prevent Greenville Vietnamese Baptist Church from being part of the event.

"Pastor Loc Nguyen and pretty much his entire congregation of about 35 people were there," said Gilmore. "They served traditional Vietnamese food, simply out of Christian spirit."

"It's an honor for me and our church," said Nguyen. "Joshua introduced us to the fair and we saw it as an opportunity for us to get outside of our walls and serve."

Church members handed out rice paper rolls (spring rolls), soup and Vietnamese coffee. They will be back in attendance next month.

"We are a family in our church, but want to take care of all the students," Nguyen said. "I think we got about 120 contacts last year and sent out letters, emails and texts to all of them. Three or four students visited our church, with one becoming a very active member."

Paul Worcester, National Collegiate director for the North American Mission Board, said church involvement is "crucial" for

Christian college students.

"On-campus worship, Bible studies and discipleship can be life-changing, but there is no substitute for the local church in the life of a believer," he said. "Students need intergenerational fellowship and a steady diet of Bible preaching. Lord willing, they will be a part of local churches the rest of their lives, so it is essential they build the habit now while in college."

J.G. Faulk was an NGU student when he first attended the church fair. The 29 year-old still attends, but as pastor of students and college/young adults at First Baptist Church in Greer.

"It helped me make connections with local churches," he remembered. "You were able to get a general feel for the church and how you could be involved."

Faulk spoke with BP while on a mission trip in Vermont with high school students. College students, including those who became part of First Baptist through the NGU church fair, took a separate trip to the same place in May.

"It was a connection point as a student, and it still is," said Faulk. "We want to communicate the importance of growing among a multigenerational community, learning from married couples, families and senior church members. As a student, I became friends and could engage with them. They invited me into their homes and we shared meals."

This will be Abner Creek's fifth year at the fair. Many students have become faithful members and continue serving at the church in numerous ways. While the event lasts only a day, Cleland and others pray its effects carry even further.

"Our hope is to disciple those who visit or join our congregation to understand the vital role of the local church," he said. "It's not only for their college years, but a lifetime."



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