## **Community**

# Flatwoods parade, tree lighting Saturday

FLATWOODS – A huge holiday celebration will bring the sparkle of the season to Flatwoods beginning with the annual Lions Club parade which begins at 5 p.m. The route is from Beth Ann Drive to Bellefonte Road.s' Ass

The festivities then move to the city park where a new city tree will be lighted at approximately 6:45 p.m.

The evening will also offer Photos with Santa in the Gilley log cabin right after the tree lighting.

The cabin is also the site for Story Time with Mrs. Claus.

A memorial candlelight vigil will begin in front of the tree at about

The names of those being honored will be read aloud.

## Sheriff elected to state board

BOWLING GREEN - Greenup County Sheriff Matt Smith was elected to serve as a director on the board for the Kentucky Sheriffs' Association for 2026.

In making the announcement, Jerry Wagner, the association's executive director praised Smith for his positive representation and commitment to serving Kentucky's citizens and emphasized the association's dedication to improving the office of sheriff through ongoing training and legislative updates.

He added, "We would like to congratulate Sheriff Smith for serving on the KSA Board.

"We look forward to a great year and hope everyone will lend their hand in support of and congratulations to Sheriff Smith."

Smith was elected at the association's annual conference and participated in over 40 hours of training.

### Ice rink opening in Russell park

RUSSELL – As part of the Wander Russell holiday season, something new is being offered: A temporary ice skating rink at the city park on Riverside Drive.

The rink will open Monday, Dec. 8, and continue through Dec. 21. Hours are 5 to 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 5 to 10 p.m. Friday; noon to 10 p.m. Saturday; and noon to 8 p.m. Sunday.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit local non-profits working the



The star is placed on top of the new, huge Flatwoods tree.

# Local TV stations part of hunger drive

HUNTINGTON, W. VA.- Sinclair Broadcast Group, in partnership with Feeding America, has launched Sinclair Cares: Fill the Food Banks which will serve as a fundraising campaign to help provide meals to children and families across the U.S.

Those stations include WCHS-TV and WVAH-TV.

Financial contributions from Facing Hunger Foodbank's service area made at SinclairCares.com will go directly towards assisting the organization with providing meals to children and families. The campaign will span through Dec. 25th and will build off of the company's previous summer hunger campaign partnerships with Feeding America and

and 2024.

"Facing Hunger Food Bank values our partnership with Sinclair Broadcast Group in our local communities, as well as the larger partnership with Feeding America, representing a network of well over 200 food banks," said Facing Hunger Foodbank Chief Executive Officer Cyndi Kirkhart. "But this local collaboration is very special because of our longtime connection in serving the communities at the center of our work. Every opportunity to share information and provide additional resources to those we serve is a winning combination in times of uncertainty. We are grateful to have Sinclair as part of our team!"

In West Virginia, approximately

secure in 2024, a rate that ranks second in the nation. This affects over 277,000 people, including 71,140 children, with the state ranking first nationally for childhood food inse-

Kirkhart reported Facing Hunger Foodbank's estimated lives touched in 2025 will be nearly 175,000 with the total food distributed throughout the year totaling about 18 million pounds. She expects about 20 percent of that activity will take place in November and December due to the SNAP crisis, government shutdown and due to an expected increase during the holidays.

Sinclair Cares utilizes the strength of Sinclair's properties to uplift orga-15.7% of households were food in- nizations and inspire audiences and org/sinclaircares

employees to make a positive impact in their communities.

Sinclair Cares mobilizes Sinclair's assets to support various community and charitable endeavors, and responses to natural disasters through financial assistance, volunteerism and raising awareness of important topics through Sinclair's media plat-

More than 120 Feeding America food banks are designated media areas of Sinclair-owned stations, including WCHS-TV and WVAH-TV in Charleston.

To learn more about the Sinclair Cares: Fill the Food Banks campaign and to obtain information on how to donate visit https://feedingamerica/

## Eastern Ky. recovery continues with \$612,00 award

FRANKFORT — Monday, Gov. Andy Beshear announced \$612,000 in awards Kentucky's from State Aid Funding for Emergencies (SAFE) program to fund continued recovery efforts in Eastern Kentucky from devastating storms and will assist local govfloods.

"We made a promise to our fellow Kentuckians that we would rebuild Eastern Kentucky stronger and more resilient, and these funds are another step toward accom-

plishing that goal," said Gov. Beshear. "We will be with these communities for as long as it takes to recover, helping families build their New Kentucky Home where they can feel safe again."

The new awards ernments and partners addressing critical infrastructure needs, strained fiscal conditions, and ongoing recovery efforts:

The city Whitesburg will receive \$450,000 to help address strained fiscal liquidity caused disaster-related impacts.

Perry County will receive \$76,564 to support the Skyview Estates high-ground community with electric and communication connections.

The city Wheelwright will receive \$50,000 to assist with repairing sidewalks and damaged roads.

The Finance and Administration Cabinet (FAC) will receive survey work, title services and related land acquisition activities for high-ground sites in Knott County (Olive Branch) and Letcher County (Grandview).

The SAFE program was created to help communities respond to and recover from emergencies when federal funds or other resources are not yet available. In March 2025, the Governor signed legislation to establish the 4860 SAFE fund areas impacted for

\$35,580 to support by FEMA Disaster 4860, following severe storms and flooding earlier this year. In May, he announced the initial round of awards under this fund, providing more than \$25 million to affected communities. He announced another round awards in July, providing more than \$10 million in funding.

In 2022, Governor worked with legislators to establish the West Kentucky and East Kentucky SAFE funds to respond to devastating tornadoes in the west and floods in the east. Since then, he has awarded more than \$118 million to Western Kentucky and \$143 million to Eastern Kentucky to help.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Public Service Commission of Kentucky issued an order in Case No. 2025-00257 scheduling a public comment meeting to be held on December 18, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, at the Perry County Courthouse, 481 Main Street, 2nd Floor, Hazard, Kentucky 41701, for the purpose of hearing public comments on Kentucky Power Company's application for adjustment of its electric rates and approval of certain regulatory and accounting treatments in Case No. 2025-00257. An additional public meeting in Ashland will be held in January 2026, and will be noticed separately in advance of that meeting.

Almost 9 out of 10 newspaper readers vote in local elections.

	Ky adults	Newspaper readers	Non-newspaper readers
Vote in state/ national elections	69%	71%	60%
Vote in local/ school board/ city elections	84%	86%	72%



Source: The Kentucky State Study 2023: Conducted by Coda Ventures, Base: Total adults

### REQUEST FOR BIDS for the GREENUP COUNTY TELECOMMUNICATIONS FRANCILISE

The Greenup County Fiscal Court is soliciting bids from parties interested in obtaining franchises to operate telecommunications systems within the confines of Greenup County, Kentucky, pursuant to Ordinance No. 25-77. Franchise(s) awarded pursuant to this Request for Bids will be non-exclusive and will be for a term of ten (10) years. Bids must meet all the requirements of Ordinance 25-77 and the County's Telecommunications Franchise Application which are available at Greenup County Fiscal Court, 30I Main St / Rm I02,Greenup, Kentucky 41144.

Bids must be received by Greenup County Fiscal Court no later than 2:00 PM Eastern on December 8, 2025, at which time the bids will be opened and read aloud publicly. Bids shall be sealed and clearly labeled as "Greenup County Telecommunications Franchise Bid." All responses shall be mailed or hand-delivered to:

**Greenup County Fiscal Court** 301 Main St / Rm l02, Greenup, Kentucky 41144 "Greenup County Telecommunications Franchise Bid" ÅTTN: Judge/Executive

The Greenup County Fiscal Court reserves the right to accept any bid, to reject any and all bids, to waive any irregularities or informalities in awarding the franchise. and to accept what, in its opinion, is the lowest, responsive, responsible and best bid, which is in the best interest of, and most advantageous to, the County.
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