

DEATHS ELSEWHERE

MR. MYERS

LANCASTER — Larry Stone "Twig" Myers, 79, of Lancaster, and husband of Sharon Lowe Myers passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2026.

A Maysville native, he was born to the late Emmett Stone Myers and Emma Lee Goddard Myers on Jan. 16, 1947.

In addition to his loving wife of 55 years, he is survived by their son Travis Stone (Teri) Myers of Lancaster, his grandsons, Lincoln Tuff (Melissa) Morgan of Nicholasville and Tate Stone Myers of Lancaster; great-granddaughter Cooper Elizabeth Morgan; and his friend—who was as close as a brother—Donald Jefferson of Aberdeen, Ohio.

Twig was a graduate of Mason County High School, Class of 1965. He was a successful businessman. Many will remember him as their barber in Lexington's Chevy Chase, including many great UK athletes. He and Sharon's business pursuits also included a restaurant, bar, and car lot. During retirement, he devel-



oped woodworking skills, installed some cabinetry, and enjoyed using his tractor on projects at their Garrard County farm.

Twig's hobbies included camping, boating, riding motorcycles, and spending time outdoors. He loved his dogs. Most of all, he treasured his family.

The family will be holding a celebration of life service at their farm in the near future.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Twig's memory are encouraged to the Garrard County Animal Shelter (<https://garrardcoanimalshelter.wordpress.com/donate/>) or the Danville-Boyle County Animal Control at 778 North Danville Bypass, Danville, KY 40422, 859-238-1117 Option 2, or <https://www.boylecountky.gov/158/Animal-Control>.

KSP joining 6-State Trooper Project to promote traffic safety this weekend

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FRANFORT, Ky. (KT) — Kentucky State Police (KSP) posts that cover I-75 will partner with other state police agencies for the 6-State Trooper Project, a coordinated traffic safety initiative, from February 13-15.

State police agencies from Kentucky, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia will focus on addressing dangerous driving behaviors along I-75, including speeding, failure to wear seat belts and driving under the influence.

I-75 is one of the nation's most heavily traveled corridors, stretching across multiple states and carrying thousands of drivers through Kentucky each day. Because traffic safety does not stop at state lines, participating law enforcement agencies are working together to help reduce serious injuries and fatalities along the route.

During the enforcement period, KSP troopers will conduct proactive patrols along I-75 and surrounding areas, with an emphasis on behaviors that most frequently contribute to severe and deadly crashes.

Captain Robert Purdy, commander of KSP Post 11 in London, said this Valentine's Day weekend safety initiative is an important reminder of what's truly at stake.

"Valentine's Day is about caring for the people who matter most in our lives," he stated. "The best gift you can give your loved ones is making it home safely. Slowing down, buckling up and never driving impaired are simple choices that show responsibility and respect for everyone on the road."

KSP encourages motorists traveling this Valentine's Day weekend to keep safety at the top of mind:

—Leave with a Plan: Build extra time into your trip so you are not tempted to speed.

—Wear Your Seat Belt: Seat belts remain one of the most effective lifesaving tools in a crash.

—Choose a Sober Ride: If alcohol is part of your plans, arrange a designated driver or alternate transportation.

—Share the Road with Care: Be patient, stay alert and give emergency and law enforcement vehicles space when you see flashing lights.

Drivers who suspect a driver is under the influence or observe reckless driving should contact their nearest KSP Post.

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Angry wife continues to wait for husband's apology

Dear Abby



DEAR ABBY: I have been married 50 years and recently remembered that my husband cheated on me with several different women. He admitted to one affair but swears he saw her only twice and they had sex only once. He says I'm imagining the other two. He hasn't apologized for the one he admitted to and refuses to discuss it or the other two, though I can see them in my mind's eye and feel it in my gut.

At this point, I'm more angry about his lying than I am about something that happened decades ago. Am I wrong to want the truth so I can get angry, deal with it and then forgive him? I also want a heartfelt apology. — HEARTSICK IN TEXAS

DEAR HEARTSICK: You do not need "the truth" so you can get

angry. You are ALREADY as mad as heck. What you want is an apology from your cheating husband, and you aren't going to get it. Discussing this with a licensed marriage and family therapist may help you dissipate some of your anger and move on.

DEAR ABBY: Two of my mom's best friends ended their friendship with her after almost 50 years because of political differences. I grew up spending every holiday with these ladies and their families, in addition to summer lake and winter ski vacations and everything in between.

One of them is my godmother, and they both were like second moms to me. Can it be that simple to act as if they were never friends in the first place? Must Mom just accept the change, or can she try to repair the friendships? — SAD SON IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR SON: When political differences run so deep that close friendships are destroyed, I am sorry to say they are often

not salvageable. I am not sure that time can heal the rift when someone is so entrenched in their political beliefs that they would jettison a 50-year friendship. Suggest to your mom that rather than look backward, she may try to cultivate friends who are less contentious.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 75-year-old therapist who was virtually a single parent. I still struggle with the guilt that I didn't do a good enough job with my three grown children, despite my trying with what energy and resources I continue to have. Their father has been pretty much absent since our divorce 35 years ago.

How can I get rid of the feeling that I am disrespected by my ungrateful adult children, and how do I stop trying to compensate them for their missing parent? There is minimal chance that they will change their attitude or beliefs at this point. — STRUGGLING IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR STRUGGLING: Thank you for asking. By

now you must have realized that you can't buy love. As a psychotherapist, surely you are aware that therapists have therapists of their own (and many need this support). Because you are in pain over something you can't change by yourself, recognize that it's time to become proactive on your own behalf and consult one.

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Kentucky retailers expect strong Valentine's Day sales as consumers balance celebration and costs

Submitted by the Kentucky Retail Federation

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Kentucky retailers are preparing for one of the strongest Valentine's Day shopping seasons on record, as national spending is projected to reach \$29.1 billion, according to new data from the National Retail Federation and Prosper Insights & Analytics.

Consumers are expected to spend an average of \$199.78, the highest amount ever recorded, surpassing last year's \$188.81 and setting a new national benchmark for Valentine's Day gift budgets, even as households remain mindful of rising costs.

"For Kentucky retailers, Valentine's Day is more than candy and flowers — it's an important opportunity for small businesses across the Commonwealth," said Tod

Griffin, President of the Kentucky Retail Federation. "From local florists and jewelers to boutiques and restaurants, this holiday keeps dollars circulating in our local communities."

More than 55% of consumers plan to celebrate Valentine's Day, with spending extending well beyond romantic partners. Shoppers are purchasing gifts for significant others, family members, friends, co-workers, and even pets. Notably, nearly one-third of consumers who do not traditionally celebrate Valentine's Day still plan to participate through self-care purchases or gatherings with friends and family, creating additional opportunities for retailers.

Candy remains the most popular Valentine's Day purchase at 56%, followed by flowers (41%), greeting cards (41%), evenings out

(39%), and jewelry (25%). Jewelry is expected to generate the highest spending nationally at \$7 billion, followed by evenings out at \$6.3 billion — highlighting the important role restaurants and hospitality businesses play in Kentucky's Valentine's Day economy.

Even with record projected spending, cost remains a key consideration for consumers and retail businesses. Rising operational expenses — including labor, supply chain costs, tariffs, and utilities — continue to affect small businesses.

Retailers are working hard to keep prices competitive for consumers while managing higher business costs," Griffin said. "Shopping locally not only helps consumers find unique, meaningful gifts — it directly supports Kentucky jobs and small businesses."

JPC

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and that if this were to breach people's backyards, there would be "a lot of upset people." He continued, stating that if the "undisclosed" company that is considering around 2,000 acres for the "proposed project" in Mason County cannot "back off" at least 1,000 feet, then "something's wrong."

Michael Clarke, the representing counsel for the JPC, stated that at the public hearing in December, project engineers noted that the higher the setbacks, the more acreage will be needed.

Regarding discussions over rezoning and map applications, Rosser expressed his concern that "somebody's getting a game plan together," adding that while they are planning and zoning, these actions currently feel reactionary.

Planning and Zoning Administrator George Larger III then clarified to the JPC that it will be up to its members whether something should be rezoned.

Rosser responded, "I totally understand that, and don't think that I'm anti-data center — I'm not. Now, with that said, I think we're in the mindset now that whenever the next shiny object is out there, we're gonna go after it."

Reed stated that while the setback could potentially be extended to as much as 1,000-1,500 feet, he became conflicted when considering the possibility that larger setbacks might detract from protecting farmland.

Rosser then reiterated that he felt the JPC has been "thrown under the bus" for the sake of creating

pointless rules and regulations.

"If this decision has already been made, and that's what I'm hearing... why are we here?" he asked.

Clarke then interjected, stating that nothing would go through if the map amendments were not approved.

"You know who makes regulations on map amendments? You all," he said. "And not to say that your decision can't be overwritten, but these are the rules under which we play."

After continued discussion, JPC member Rick Lawrence made a motion to extend the setback 500 feet across the board. Rosser asked the commission if they were too far along in the process to take and add to land already zoned for industrial use, to which Larger answered that it would be up to the applicant and the results of their product.

Another member of the JPC recommended setting the setback at 700 feet.

JPC member John Bess seconded Lawrence's motion to set 500-foot setbacks. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with five yes votes to one no vote.

Regarding noise levels, a recommendation was made to change the noise hours to 5 p.m. to 7 a.m. for the lower decibel levels and 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the higher decibel levels.

Parker expressed that he felt the proposed hours of for the higher decibel levels were reasonable and made a motion to approve them. JPC member Gerald Woods seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken, with the motion passing with six yes votes.

The JPC then suggested that on-site generators be subject to the same noise levels during regular operating hours. These generators would be used in case of an emergency.

"Even if they're running their generators as an emergency, they still should have to maintain these noise levels," Bess explained.

The commission decided to add wording to the text amendment stating that on-site generators will be required to adhere to regulated noise levels during backup and emergency usage.

During two of its previous meetings, the JPC discussed the arbitration fee in the complaint procedures. In the third draft of the text amendment, the fee was set at \$1,500. On Feb. 4, a recommendation was made to lower the fee back to its initial amount of \$250.

Parker expressed agreement with the recommendation and seconded a motion made by Rosser to lower the fee to \$250. A roll call vote was taken and the motion failed to pass with four no votes and two yes votes. Bess, JPC member John Hutchings, Lawrence and Woods voted no, while Parker and Rosser voted yes.

Bess then made a motion to lower the fee to \$500. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with four yes votes and two no votes. Lawrence, Bess, Hutchings and Woods voted yes, while Rosser and Parker voted no.

A final draft of the data center zoning text amendment proposal has been released as of this week. During the Feb. 4 meeting, the JPC voted to send it to the local governing bodies to recommend it for adoption. Lawrence made the motion, which was seconded by Bess. Hutchings, Bess, Lawrence, Woods and Parker voted yes, while Rosser voted no.

As of Tuesday, Feb. 10, the Mason County Fiscal Court passed a set of rules and procedures concerning a first and second reading to be held during two special meetings on Feb. 17 and Feb. 24.