NextGen Family Health & Aesthetics to open November 16 in Garrison

Submitted by Megan Smedley

GARRISON, Ky. – After years of planning and months of hard work, NextGen Family Health & Aesthetics will officially open its doors Monday, November 16, bringing a new primary care option to Garrison and surrounding communities.

Owned by Lori Ervin, APRN, a Family Nurse Practitioner, the practice was established with a goal of bringing a more personal approach to healthcare to a community the Ervin family knows well.

"Both my husband and I are Family Nurse Practitioners. We both have been in healthcare several years, and our hope was to bring a small town feel to the corporate driven health system," Ervin said.

For Ervin and her husband, Ray, the decision to establish a practice in Garrison was rooted in both their professional experiences and their connection to the area. Ray grew up in Garrison, while Lori grew up in Camp Dix.

After years of working in healthcare, they recognized a need for more accessible care on the eastern part of the county, particularly for residents who face transportation challenges or have difficulty traveling to healthcare facilities.

"The distance to a healthcare facility makes it very difficult for some people to get the care they need where it be because they do not drive, do not have the gas maybe, and not everyone knows about the options available for transport," Ervin said.

The journey toward opening NextGen began approximately five years ago, initially with conversations about what might be possible. Those conversations eventually led the couple to the building on Dudley Avenue, which would become the home of their practice.

Ervin's path into healthcare began in radiologic technology. After graduating from Shawnee State University in 1998, she worked in the field for more than a decade, earning certifications in x-ray and CT.

She later returned to school to pursue nursing, earning her Associate Degree in Nursing and Bachelor of Science in Nursing before completing her Family Nurse Practitioner degree at Ohio University in 2016. Her husband also pursued nursing and completed the same graduate program in 2017.

Although both have built careers in healthcare, Lori will serve as the primary care provider at NextGen while Ray continues working for a local healthcare facility.

For Ervin, returning to the community where she and her husband grew up makes the opportunity especially meaningful.

"Growing up here was a blessing that maybe most of us didn't appreciate as kids, but after living other places and meeting all types of people, we wanted to bring our skills home, to the community we care deeply about and are by far some of the best people anyone could ever hope to meet," she said.

In addition to being locally owned and operated, NextGen Family Health & Aesthetics is also veteran-owned. Ray Ervin proudly served four years in the military, working as a medic before transitioning to civilian life and continuing his career in healthcare.

NextGen will offer primary care services for patients of all ages, from young children to older adults. Services will include acute and chronic illness care, wellness visits, physicals, work-related physicals, and specialized exams.

The practice will also offer in-house testing for flu, COVID-19, RSV, pregnancy, INR blood tests, and urinalysis. Additional blood draws and swabs can be collected and sent to LabCorp for processing.

Most insurance plans will be accepted, including Medicare, Medicaid, and most commercial insurance plans available in the area. A self-pay option will also be available.

At the heart of the practice is Ervin's desire to create an environment where patients feel heard, valued, and comfortable.

"Patients will receive care with a personal touch. Undoubtedly, we will chat about things going on in the community, know each other's families, and our hope is our clinic will be a clinic patients enjoy coming to," Ervin said.

That commitment to personal care is also what motivated the couple to pursue their own practice after experiencing what they felt was missing from larger healthcare systems.

"Once we were working as providers and saw how there was an immense lack of personal touch with corporate health care, we knew we had to try and work toward where we are today," Ervin said.

While primary care will be the initial focus, NextGen also plans to expand its offerings in early 2027 to include aesthetic services, beginning with Botox and lip fillers, with additional services planned as the practice grows.

The decision to incorporate aesthetics came in part from conversations with women in the community who expressed interest in having those services available closer to home.

The name NextGen reflects the couple's broader vision for the practice and its role in the community. Guided by the slogan, "Your family's health is our community's future," the business was established with the belief that investing in the health and well-being of families benefits generations to come.

As opening day approaches, Ervin said the excitement and encouragement from the community have reinforced the couple's decision to bring their vision to life.

"The amount of excitement in the local community has been fantastic to see, makes us know we are exactly where we were meant to be," she said.

NextGen Family Health & Aesthetics is located at 142 Dudley Avenue in Garrison, Kentucky. The office will be open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The practice is currently scheduling new primary care patients. To schedule an appointment or learn more, call 606-532-8200.

EPSB discusses principal leadership, spotlights Asbury University during meeting

Submitted by the Kentucky Department of Education

FRANKFORT, Ky. – Members of the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB), during the board's meeting on Oct. 20, examined research into principal leadership and what actions can be taken to improve development opportunities in Kentucky.

Representatives with a subgroup of the University Principal Preparation Initiative presented research into what principals in Kentucky need to succeed.

The group of education stakeholders from Kentucky includes Lu S. Young, a professor of education leadership at the University of Kentucky, and representatives from several Kentucky higher education institutions that offer principal preparation programs. It was started as part of a Wallace Foundation initiative to help improve university-based principal preparation programs.

The group produced a study which assessed the survey responses of principals and superintendents across Kentucky, including findings from the 2023-2024 Impact KY Working Conditions Survey.

Young, who also serves as chair of the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE). said the findings underscore what education leaders have been hearing, especially as it relates to new principal leadership training requirements under Senate Bill 4 (2026).

Stephanie Sullivan, a professor and department chair at Murray State University, presented findings from the study. She said the key takeaways include the necessity of high-quality mentorship, practice-based clinical experiences and reduced administrative burden.

Superintendents identified communication skills, systems thinking and distributed leadership as areas requiring strengthened preparation. Both groups emphasized that compliance requirements, isolation and deficits in delegation skills impede instructional leadership and contribute to burnout.

Sullivan also went through a series of recommendations, including ways for principal preparation programs to improve and ways for state and local education agencies to support continued mentorship and training programs along with efforts to improve leadership well-being.

"The goal is not only readiness at entry, but sustainability across the career, ensuring that principals can lead effectively without losing their professional identity or personal health," Sullivan said.

The recommendations also include more coordination across agencies and stakeholder groups, including enhanced efforts to improve the pipeline of talented leaders and improve communication between groups.

Educator Preparation Program Spotlight: Asbury University

Leaders with Asbury University presented information about their educator preparation program, continuing the EPSB's spotlight on programs that prepare the next generation of teachers for the classroom.

Asbury University is a Christian college in Wilmore, which is about 15 miles south of Lexington with an enrollment around 2,000 students. Sharon Bixler, dean of the Asbury University School of Education, said about 300 students are in the education program, and she detailed 34 different programs the university offers.

"Teaching is not just a career; it's a calling," Bixler said. "We feel very passionate that it's a calling, and we want to prepare as many Christian educators as we can to go out and impact our Kentucky schools and eventually the whole world."

Tim Crook, an education professor, further detailed the university's program, which includes clinical experiences outside of the university classroom, including a partnership with Knox County where students in the program work with 3rd-grade students in the district on math activities. He also highlighted the university's work in helping prospective educators get into the field, hosting the university's 6th Educators Rising regional event this fall, as well as leadership training efforts, including a new doctorate program in P-12 educational leadership in the fall of 2027.

Bixler further detailed how the university is incorporating lessons about artificial intelligence (AI) to prepare faculty and students in the education program for the evolving technology and how the university has developed three new scholarships in recent years to provide more opportunities for future teachers.

During their meeting, EPSB members also discussed the board's policy manual, legislative priorities and approved a resolution adopting the recommendations of the KBE/EPSB Research Collaborative.

Notices

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

Monday
6:30pm
Church of the Nativity
("Hunter House-through the double Red doors) 31 East 3rs Street, Maysville, KY 41056

Tuesday
7:00pm-St. Charles Catholic Church (In the basement of the Red brick Bldg)
211 Mt. Carmel Rd. Flemingsburg, KY 41041

Wednesday
7:00pm St. Michael Church
220 South High St.
Mt. Orab, OH 45154

Thursday
7:00PM- West Union Church of the Nazarene
108 North Pleasant Street, West Union OH

Friday
7:00PM- Countryside Church of Christ
468 Tranquility Pike Seaman, OH

Saturday
7:00PM - Church of Christ in Christian Union
1540 Tri-County Road Winchester, OH

Sunday
7:00pm FRS Counseling Facility. Enter last door on left side. 313 Chillicothe Ave. Hillsboro, OH

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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
Sunday 10:00 AM – Sunday Morning Serenity Group The Counseling Center 508 East Main Street, West Union OH 45693
3:00 PM – Milford KY AA Group Milford Christian Church 7089 Neave Milford Road, Brooksville KY 41004
6:30PM – Beginning Again Group Holy Redeemer Catholic Church 239 KY-59, Vanceburg KY 41179
Monday
7:00 PM – The Next Right Thing Group New Creation Worship Center 1431 Helena Road, Flemingsburg KY 41041
Tuesday
7:00 PM – New Beginnings Group Church of Nativity/Hunter House 31 East 3rd Street, Maysville KY 41056 Corner of 3rd and Limestone Street
7:30 PM – West Union Tuesday West Union Church of the Nazarene 108 S Pleasant Street, West Union OH 45693
Wednesday
12:00 PM – Noon Time Serenity Group First Presbyterian Church 21 West 3rd Street, Maysville KY 41056 Basement door on Stanley Reed Court
7:00 PM – Mt Olivet Group Robertson County Community Center 110 Pinhook Road, Mount Olivet KY 41064
7:30 PM – Georgetown Church of Christ 402 North Main Street, Georgetown OH 45121
8:00 PM – Flemingsburg St Charles Catholic Church 211 Mount Carmel Avenue, Flemingsburg KY 41041
Thursday
8:00 PM – Manchester AA Community Building 21 East 2nd St, Manchester OH 45144
Friday
9:00 AM – Come As You Are Church of the Nazarene 4886 East State Street, Georgetown OH 45121
8:00 PM – Road to Recovery Church of Nativity/Hunter House 31 East 3rd Street, Maysville KY 41056 Corner of 3rd and Limestone Street
8:00 PM – Flemingsburg St Charles Catholic Church 211 Mount Carmel Avenue, Flemingsburg KY 41041
Saturday
1:00 PM – WHO Group Centenary United Methodist Church 110 North Second Street, Ripley OH
8:00 PM – Pioneer Group Brooksville United Methodist Church 131 Woodward Avenue, Brooksville KY

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LEGALS

In compliance with the order of the Mason Circuit Court, I will, as Master Commissioner, sell the property described in the following actions on Friday November 20, 2026 at the hour of 1:00 P.M. inside the front doors of the Mason County Justice Building, 100 West Third Street, Maysville, KY. Said property will be sold to raise the amounts hereinafter set forth, together with interest and costs, and upon the following terms and conditions unless otherwise indicated: 1) At the time of sale the successful bidder shall either pay in full or make a deposit of 10% of the purchase price with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. If the successful bidder desires or elects to credit the balance, he/ she will be required to post bond and furnish an acceptable surety thereon. Said bond shall be for the unpaid purchase price and bear interest at the rate of the underlying judgment per annum from the date of sale until paid. 2) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all taxes or assessments upon the property for the 2026 tax year. All delinquent taxes or assessments upon the property for prior years, if any, shall be paid from the sale proceeds if properly claimed in writing and filed of record. 3) The property shall otherwise be sold free and clear of any right, title, and interest of all parties to the action, excepting easements and restrictions of record, and subject to a six (6) month right of redemption if the property does not bring 2/3 of the appraised value. 4) Buyer is advised to have a title search completed and must file any exceptions to the sale within ten (10) days. Also subject to any other terms and conditions as may be announced on the day of sale.

1. 26-CI-00111 Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC; v. Shara Lofton, Et Al.; 5573 US 68., Mayslick, KY; Parcel NO: ML-08-016.01 Judgment $232,547.16
2. 23-CI-00163 UMB Bank as Custodian for Clearleaf Short Alternative Fund, LP; v UNKN Heirs of Vicky Miracle; 610 Buckner Street, Maysville, KY; Parcel NO: M08-23-16 Judgment $5,048.89