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PUBLIC NOTICE OF BLASTING SCHEDULE PERMIT NUMBER 866-0354

In accordance with the provisions of 405 KAR 16:120 Section 3, B & W Resources, Inc., 300 Liperote Way, London, Kentucky 40741, (606) 251-3070 proposes the following blasting schedule. The blasting site consists of approximately 457.2 acres located approximately Located in Aces Branch, Big & Little Peavine Branch in Leslie County and in Beech Oak Branch of Perry County, approximately 0.5 miles southeast of the intersection of the Hal Rogers Parkway and Lower Macintosh Road. Latitude 37° 13' 32' and Longitude 83° 19' 34".

Detonations of explosives are proposed to occur from sunrise to sunset, Monday through Sunday.

The blasting schedule is for the period from January, 2027 through January, 2028.

Entry to the area is over coal haul roads. Appropriate signs and markers will be erected at the entrances. Access to the blasting area will be blocked by a company representative at least ten (10) minutes prior to any detonation. All public roads that are within a reasonable distance, as determined by the mine operator, will be blocked prior to blasting. The blocked roads will be reopened following the "All-Clear Signal". Audible blast warning and all-clear signals will be used before and after blasting. A siren, audible for one-half mile of the Blast Area, will be used as the signaling device. The "Blast Warning Signal" will consist of a one-minute series of long siren blasts five minutes prior to the "Blast Signal". The "Blast Signal" will be a one-minute series of short siren blasts one minute prior to detonation, The "All-Clear Signal" will be one prolonged siren blast following an inspection of the blasting area. All blasting will be conducted during the designated time periods except in the case of emergency conditions. Emergency conditions include, but are not limited to, rain, lightning, and other atmospheric conditions or deteriorated explosives which involve personnel, operational or public safety. If an Emergency or unscheduled blast is to occur, all land owners within the half mile blast radius will either be notified by phone call or by a B&W Resources employee traveling to their house and notifying in person, all other normal blasting requirements, audible blast warnings, closing of blast area will be followed according to the current plan.

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Pursuant to 405 KAR 8:010, Section 16(5), the following is a summary of permitting decisions made by the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Permits with respect to applications to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations in Leslie County.

B & W RESOURCES, INC.
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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
LESLIE CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT COURTS
P.O. BOX 1750
HYDEN, KY 41749
PROBATE CASE NO. 24-P-00006
NOTICE OF FILING FINAL SETTLEMENT
IN RE: ESTATE OF Margaret Blatt
Brandon Jones EXECUTOR OF SAID ESTATE, IS HEREBY GIVING NOTICE THE FINAL SETTLEMENT WILL BE HEARD IN LESLIE DISTRICT COURT IN 10 DAYS.
ANY CLAIMS MUST BE FILED BY THAT TIME.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
LESLIE CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT COURTS
P.O. BOX 1750
HYDEN, KY 41749
PROBATE CASE NO. 26-P-00091

NOTICE OF PROBATE

RE: ESTATE OF Jeremy Sizemore
ADDRESS 1087 Oakley Cave Rd. Roark, KY 40979
EXECUTOR: Chasidy Sizemore
ADDRESS: 85 Short Lane Corbin, KY 40701

ALL CREDITORS MUST FILE CLAIM, (6) SIX MONTHS FROM DATE OF APPOINTMENT.
APPOINTMENT DATE: 10/27/26
ATTORNEY OF RECORD:

Jared A. Wilson
1222 1/2 North Main St, Suite 2
London, KY 40741

LKLP Community Action Council is now accepting applications for bulk fuels for the SUBSIDY and CRISIS component of the 2026-2027 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). Vendors will provide fuel at the price they have established, not to exceed the fair market price as established by LKLP, and understand that the customer will select the vendor from the Approved Vendor List. The SUBSIDY component will begin on November 9, 2026 and continue through December 18, 2026.

The Crisis component dates will be announced at a later date. To obtain an application packet, contact Albert Smith at the LKLP Central Office at (606) 435-7996 or the local County Outreach Office. Applications should be submitted by 12:00 noon, Friday, October 23, 2026. Each Outreach location is ADA accessible. If you need assistance with a language accommodation or have limited English proficiency needs, please contact your local Outreach Director. This project is funded, in part, under a contract with CHFS with funds from the CSBG Act of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. LKLP Community Action Council, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Service Provider.

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How to Protect Your Small Business and Your Family's Income

(StatePoint) For many small business owners, contractors, and freelancers, owning a business is a rewarding step toward independence that offers flexibility, control, and opportunity to build towards their dreams. However, their business finances and personal finances can sometimes become closely connected.

New research from Simply Business shows that among microbusinesses with five or fewer employees, 87% of owners continue to rely on personal funds to sustain operations. This underscores a simple reality: When you work for yourself, protecting your business often means protecting your personal finances, savings, and family's day-to-day stability.

"The smartest business decisions are not just about risk management. They are about peace of mind," says Jeff Wright, vice president of Insurance Product at Simply Business. "By keeping your business funds safe, you protect the personal livelihood you and your family rely on."

Here are practical ways small business owners can transform uncertainty into a foundation for confident growth:

Believe in your worth. True pricing confidence is about fully owning the value of your work. Choose a structure that reflects your value: use hourly rates for smaller tasks, project-based fees or retainers for steady work, and value-based pricing for the real-world impact you deliver. Protect your revenue by using clear pricing, building in a buffer for unexpected costs, and setting expectations upfront about what is—and isn't—included in the project.

Build a short-term buffer. With nearly half of surveyed owners reporting to have gone without income for at least a month, many business owners strain their personal finances early on to stay afloat. Aim to keep one to three months of both essential business and household expenses in reserve; even a modest cushion allows you to confidently manage late payments, canceled projects, or seasonal slowdown.

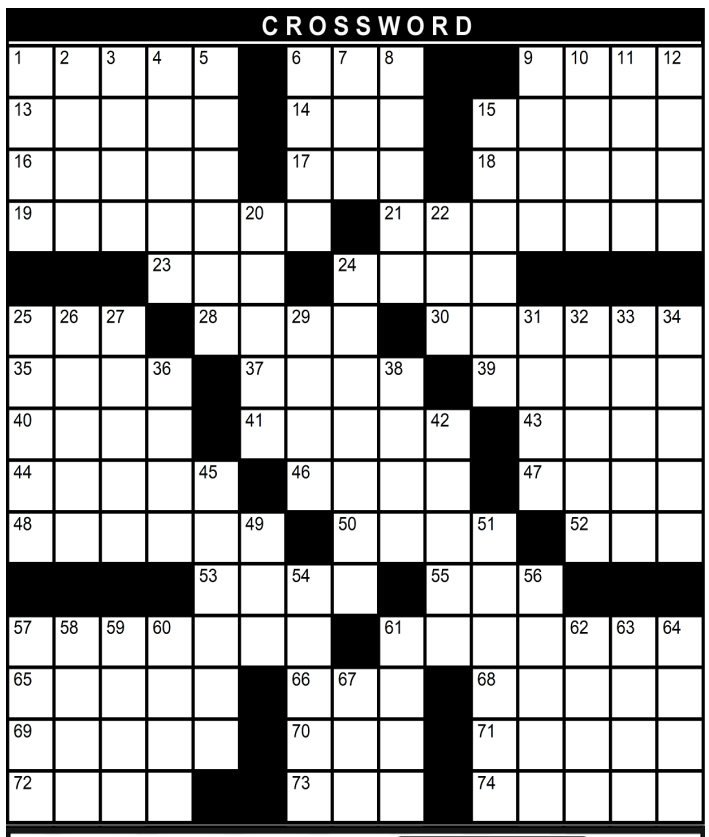
Match coverage to your work. Insurance helps protect your business from unexpected expenses. General liability insurance can help cover costs tied to third-party bodily injury or property damage, while a business owner's policy typically combines general liability with commercial property coverage and sometimes also business interruption coverage to help replace lost income after a covered event. Evaluate your specific trade risks and buy policies that address them to close the gaps in your safety net without paying for unnecessary extras.

Shop for coverage before you need it. Proactive shopping allows you to compare the value of different policies rather than making a rushed decision under pressure. Not sure where to start? "I leaned on peers and mentors who were already where I wanted to be," says Gianni Spradley, founder of Fifteen East Media Group. "They helped me see the blind spots I hadn't considered and even educated me on specific types of policies to help safeguard my company and its trajectory." You can also use a digital insurance platform like Simply Business to look for the right coverage, compare tailored quotes from top providers, choose the best fit, and even buy your policy in a few minutes. Leverage external capital. While investing in your own ideas is essential, true safety means looking toward smart capitalization to fuel your venture. "There's value in investing in yourself," says Karen McDougald, founder of Tangaza Bath & Body Studio, "but I wish I'd known more about small business loans and grants." In fact, the Simply Business survey found that small business owners rank access to external capital as the most valuable factor for securing long-term growth.



By taking practical, proactive steps to secure your working cash, savings, and family finances, you can safeguard your business and ensure it continues to thrive.

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ACROSS
1. Chevy of "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"
6. Broadcast breaks
9. Electrical current unit, pl.
13. Mineral veins
14. Neighbor of Ger.
15. Gem state
16. 1960s abstractionism
17. "I" mania
18. *The only First Lady to issue official Thanksgiving Day proclamation
19. *First department store to host Thanksgiving parade
21. *Keeping turkey juicy
23. Use one's eyes
24. Same as island
25. Chasing game
28. 4th planet from sun
30. Milk-related
35. 1952 Olympic site
37. *Brad who starred in a Friends Thanksgiving episode
39. Remus Lupin's nickname
40. Continent
41. Most common vowel in English language
43. Try
44. Ascetic holy Hindu
46. Fail to mention
47. Ditty
48. Interruptions
50. "Do ____ others..."
52. P in m.p.g.
53. Partiality
55. Pie ____ ____ mode
57. *Gizzard, heart, liver, neck
61. *Soaking turkey
65. Heart chambers
66. Polite form of address
68. Outspoken
69. Behave like a coquette
70. "But I heard him exclaim, ____ he drove out of sight..."
71. Allergic reaction to bee sting
72. Bloodsucking hopper
73. "Ideas worth spreading" talk
74. Counseled

DOWN
1. Heidi's shoe
2. Kachina doll maker
3. *"The Thanksgiving Song" performer
4. Some Slavs
5. Put on a pedestal
6. Gorillas and orangutans
7. *National ____ Show
8. Pigsty dwellers
9. Mine passage
10. Neither mini nor midi
11. What phonics and cacophony have in common
12. Playlist item
15. Trouser measurement
20. Bounds' partners
22. Opposite of nothing
24. Isthmi, sing.
25. *Charlie Brown's meal: ____, popcorn, pretzels, jelly beans
26. Allegro ____, in music
27. Move like on ice
29. Organized crime-related ____ Act, acr.
31. Selling price minus profit
32. Add (2 words)
33. Absurd
34. *____ Monday after Thanksgiving
36. Hawaiian island
38. "The Parent Trap" child
42. Rose oil
45. Cheerful
49. Dog command
51. Dickens' Twist
54. Opposite of liability
56. Positive electrode
57. Gamecock's spur
58. It will
59. French hors d'oeuvre staple
60. Turkish money
61. Raised
62. Like some cakes
63. ID info
64. Happy
67. Ill temper