

## Work to Do: Cold weather doesn't stop some from conducting business as usual

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While many people continued working from home last Tuesday, others had in-person business to take care of, despite the snow-covered roads and bitter temperatures.

Brooklyn Marx, owner of The Creme Coffee House, was among those who braved the elements to make their way in.

She said it goes with being a small business owner.

"I did not work (Monday), and I don't like getting out in this, but I'm the owner, so I'm like, I need to open the store," said Marx, who had seen a steady flow of customers. "Business has been good, as much as it can be. I expected it to be down, but it's better than what I expected."

"I think everybody is wanting to get out. They're tired of being in the house."

Marx said getting into downtown Owensboro from her home in Whitesville was a bit of an adventure.

"I did get stuck one time — it was on Wing Avenue — where I had to go around a big heap of snow there," said Marx, who tried not to get off the main roads. "(Highway) 54 was decent, but the side roads, they were nuts. It looked like people had been driving on it; the snow was packed down, but definitely not a plow down it."

Marx anticipated closing early Tuesday to ease the drive home.

"We're usually open until 9 p.m., but today I'll probably close around 3 p.m.," she said.

Jesse Phillips, owner of Riverwalk Razor in downtown Owensboro, showed his commitment to business by driving in from Masonville to be open Monday.

"We got the doors open, and we had our barbers here," Phillips said. "I Door Dashed while we weren't busy. We only had one person come in. It was cold."

Phillips said business was getting back to normal Tuesday.

"It's been pretty steady here today," he said. "Hopefully people are getting out."

Luke Payne, who was getting a haircut from Phillips on Tuesday morning, said he just wanted to get out of the house.

"I told Jesse I didn't really need a haircut," Payne said. "I was in here like a week ago."

Payne, who lives in Owensboro, said he didn't



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**Barber Jesse Phillips, owner, gives a haircut to customer Luke Payne on Tuesday, Jan. 27, at Riverwalk Razor at 221 St. Ann St.**



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**Mackenzie Quiggins of Greensmen Landscape Solutions stands by her truck as she salts a parking lot on Tuesday, Jan. 27, in downtown Owensboro.**



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**Brooklyn Marx, owner, describes getting stuck momentarily as she was coming into work to open at The Creme Coffee House at 109 E. 2nd St.**

have any issues on the roads.

"The hardest thing was getting the car cleared off," he said. "But no problems."

While Marx and Phillips only had to deal with the weather to make it to work, Mackenzie Quiggins, with Greensmen Landscape Solutions, was battling the elements throughout her shift.

"Lots of prayers and lots of food," said Quiggins of the keys to staying warm. "It's pretty tough; long hours. But it's fun. It's different. Definitely challenging at times with it being so cold and everybody tired and working 12-, 16-hour

shifts."

Quiggins said a key to staying warm is "lots of layers." She said face masks, gloves and hand warmers are also essential.

Quiggins at least got to spend some time in a salt truck Tuesday.

"I'm going around salting all of our parking lots, making sure they're not slick, and I go behind people and make sure they're getting sidewalks and stuff done, all of that stuff," she said. "I love being out and just hanging around the people working with us."

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## Bradley auction to help Owensboro Catholic HS

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The Rev. Ed Bradley died on Nov. 30, 2024 at 81.

But he's still helping Owensboro Catholic High School from beyond the grave.

Amy Whistle, an auctioneer with Kurtz Auction & Realty, said she will be selling

Bradley's

collection of University of Louisville NCAA basketball championship rings, rare gold coins and fine gold jewelry in an auction at 10 a.m. Feb. 17 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 3540 East 10th Street.

The collection includes a 2013 University of Louisville 10K basketball national championship ring and a 2005 University of Louisville Final Four ring along with other collegiate rings and collectibles.

Bradley was a close friend of Rick Pitino, UofL's men's basketball coach from 2001 to 2017.

Whistle said the auction will also include "rare gold assets, including a 1978 gold Krugerrand, an 1881 Half Eagle gold coin, fine gold jewelry, and international collectibles."

Bradley served as chaplain for both the University of Kentucky and University of Louisville men's basketball teams.

The auction will be held as both a live auction and simulcast online bidding.

It can be viewed at KurtzAuction.com

After his ordination to the priesthood in 1975, Bradley was assigned to Owensboro Catholic High for 10 years as dean of students and then as principal.

In June of 1985, he began serving as pastor and rector of Saint Stephen Cathedral and pastor of Blessed Sacrament Chapel, where he remained for 10 years.

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In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Pollard Management Group of Kentucky, LLC, 483 Lamb Road, Madisonville, Kentucky 42431 has applied for Phase II bond release on Increment 3 of Permit No. 875-8003, which was last issued on 7 January 2026 (Permit No. 875-8003 MI-11). The application covers a total area of 9.70 acres located approximately three miles north of Sacramento in McLean County.

The permit area and this increment are located at the junction of KY 2385 and Whobry Road, and west of Pond Drain. The bond now in effect for Increment 3 is Bond #SUR0067561 in the amount of \$403,500. Approximately 33.1% (\$133,700) of the current bond amount of \$403,500 is included in the application for release.

For the Phase II release on Increment 3, the following steps have been completed: (1) Re-vegetation has been established in accordance with the approved reclamation plan and the standards for success of re-vegetation have been met. (2) The lands are not contributing suspended solids to stream flow or runoff outside the permit area or increment in excess of regulatory requirements. (3) The provisions for sound future management of permanent impoundments have been implemented. These reclamation requirements were completed in September 2025.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by Friday, 20 March 2026.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for Tuesday, 24 March 2026 at 9:00 A.M. at the Kentucky Department for Natural Resources (KDNR), Madisonville Regional Office, 625 Hospital Drive, Madisonville, Kentucky 42431-1683. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by Friday, 20 March 2026.

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