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**Above:** There were live electrical wires on Ransey’s driveway after the storm on Aug. 20.

**Left:** Many trees lay on the ground in front of Ransey’s home, with some pinning down power lines on Aug. 20.

# BLESSED

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Once the storm calmed down, she said she peeked out the door to see if there was damage. She saw through the pouring rain that trees were on the ground in her front yard, pinning power lines to the ground.

“It’s live wires. It’s dangerous, so I haven’t started cleaning anything up until we get the electric taken care of first,” Ransey said.

When The Sun spoke with her, she had been without power and water for nearly 12 hours and was still waiting for

the electric company to deactivate the power lines.

“We’re blessed. It could be so much worse. I remember so many storms in the past where it wasn’t just a tree down or some electric out,” Ransey said.

Ransey is also a teacher at North Calloway Elementary School. She said many of her co-workers have reached out to her to make sure she’s okay. Although nothing can be cleaned up yet, she said many people have offered to help her.

“My principal has reached out personally, and some other [school] members saying, ‘When you start cleaning up the trees, let us know.

We can help,’ ” Ransey said. “Being a woman and living in a home by yourself is hard. I’m not used to this kind of labor, so I’ll definitely reach out to help and take advantage of those people offering.”

Ransey was not the only one affected by storm damage in Calloway County, and Ryan Mitchum is helping his older friends pick up the debris in their driveways and yards.

“Basically, we’ve just been going around cleaning out driveways, mainly for elderly people that can’t do it themselves, and just trying to help out,” Mitchum said.

Mitchum is the owner of

Kenn-Tenn Landscaping. He said that he had to cut through trees in his driveway to leave his house. His team took the day off to help those in need.

After making a Facebook post offering to help others, he said he kept getting tagged in other people’s posts to help them clean up for free.

“It’s just something I feel like the Lord tells me to do. I get my Bible [out] every once in a while and [read] Proverbs 3:27. If you don’t know it, look it up. I try to live by that,” Mitchum said.

West Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative, which serves many counties in western Kentucky, including Cal-

loway County, announced the storm had caused widespread outages, affecting more than 15,000 members. By 1 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 20, only 5,000 members remained without power.

“Last night’s storm hit our service territory hard. Operations, dispatch and management teams immediately began assessing damage and assigning crews to restoration efforts,” David Smart, the president and CEO at WKRECC, said in a news release. “Our full restoration team has worked throughout the night, and along with other crews, we will continue working until all power is restored.”

# SCHOOLS

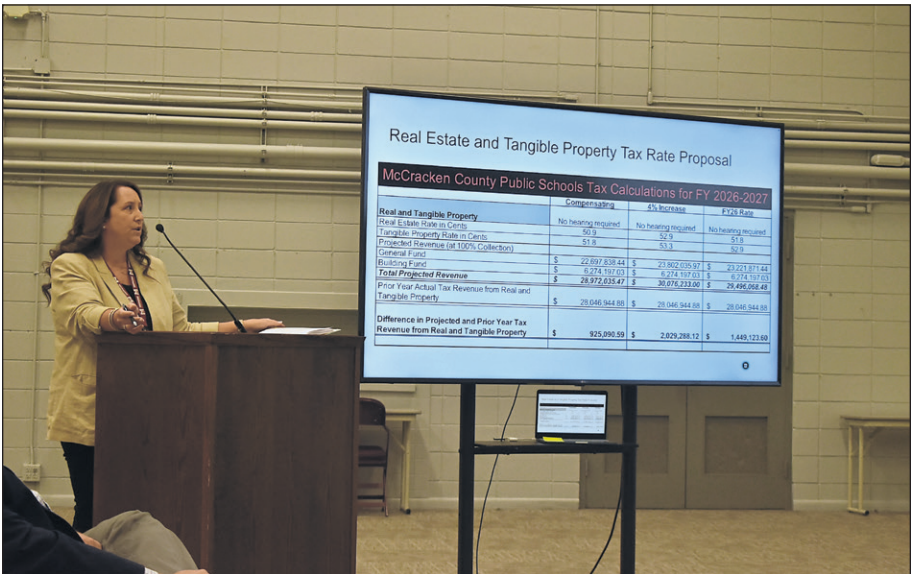
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discussed among other topics. Johnna Dejanett, school district assistant superintendent and CFO, presented options for the rate at that meeting, and a presentation at Thursday’s meeting.

According to the presentation, the options presented to the board were a “4%” rate — referring to a 4% increase in revenue — of 52.9 cents for real property and 53.3 cents for tangible property, a compensating rate of 50.9 cents for real property and 51.8 cents for tangible property, and the prior year rate selected by the board. After adjustments, the 4% rate would have created a net general fund increase of \$1.2 million while the compensating rate would have created an increase of \$184,000. The prior year rate chosen by the board is expected to create a net general fund increase of \$682,000.

In an interview following the meeting, Superintendent Josh Hunt commented on the board’s decision making process in maintaining the prior rate.

“Our board is wanting to kind of establish a baseline for our citizens,” Hunt said. “This is what you pay in school taxes, and we can function off of the money that’s coming in.’ And I think they were adamant



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**Johnna Dejanett, school district assistant superintendent and CFO, presents tax rate information at Thursday’s meeting.**

about that. If we had taken the 4%, it would have moved the tax rate up a little bit. Probably not a great deal to affect a lot of folks, but the idea that we would be raising taxes is not something we wanted to have to do if we don’t have to do it. The revenue that we’ll generate by holding the tax rate

the same is sufficient, and we want to show our community that we can operate off of sufficient funds.”

Hunt said the district has a healthy tax base, which is one of the factors that allows McCracken to maintain the same rate while still collecting sufficient revenue.

“We know growth is coming in our community, and we’ll continue to add to that,” Hunt said. “I think we should be able to function within our own means, and that’s worked for some time. We’ve been in that vicinity of a tax rate without raising it, and we just want to continue to do that. To hold it at last



**Superintendent Josh Hunt speaks at the McCracken County Schools Board of Education meeting on Aug. 20.**

year’s rate — it worked — and it will provide some additional revenue for us that will allow us to do things that we need to do. We’re blessed to have a good community that supports us, a good tax base that supports us, and a future ahead that’s something to be excited about.”

Hunt also explained that while in previous years the rate would only require one vote, new state law requires that it be proposed first, then voted on at the following meeting. He said

because the rate does not increase revenue over 4%, the board is not required to hold a public hearing for the rate.

“Instead of us coming in tonight and saying ‘we’re setting the tax rate and voting on that,’ we recommend the tax rate,” Hunt said. “Then there has to be a time where it’s advertised, goes out, and the public has a chance to see that and then come back the next meeting and would have the opportunity to speak about it if they wanted to.”

# CARLISLE

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The agency also determined that a large macroburst occurred across northeast Carlisle and northern Graves Counties, with widespread straight line winds of 80 to 105 mph. NWS considered this a “prime example” of such winds being more intense in terms of magnitude and widespread, “causing far more damage than the tornado itself actually did.”

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| 8 lb.    | 16 lb.     | Boneless Pork Chops                     |
| 6 lb.    | 12 lb.     | Center Cut Pork Chops                   |
| 10 lb.   | 20 lb.     | Mixed Cut Chops                         |
| 11 lb.   | 22 lb.     | First Cut Pork Chops                    |
| 5 lb.    | 10 lb.     | Ozark Pride Ham                         |
| 8 lb.    | 16 lb.     | Boneless Pork Loin Roast                |
| 8 lb.    | 16 lb.     | Pork Steak or Pork Roast                |
| 8 lb.    | 16 lb.     | Pork Cutlets or Pork Patties            |
| 10 lb.   | 20 lb.     | Country Style Ribs                      |
| 4 lb.    | 8 lb.      | Platter Sliced Bacon                    |
| 7.5 lb.  | 15 lb.     | Pork Sausage                            |
| 2.5 lb.  | 5 lb.      | Minute Steaks                           |
| 10 lb.   | 20 lb.     | Whole Fryers or 8-pc Cut-Up Fryers      |
| 20 lb.   | 40 lb.     | Chicken Leg Quarters (4 Pk)             |
| 5 lb.    | 10 lb.     | Breaded Chicken Strips (5 Lb. Pk)       |
| 5 lb.    | 10 lb.     | Breaded Chicken Patties                 |
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