



GRIGGS-ALVEY AMERICAN Legion Post 48 installed officers for the 2026-2027 year. From left are Commander Jeffery Hart, Finance Officer Gary Lovell, Chaplain Don Gill, Vice Commander Harvey Messer, Adjutant J.W. Heidrich, Recruiting and Membership Officer George Blakely.

RVBH Award \$253,169 In Opioid Abatement Funds

RiverValley Behavioral Health (RVBH) has been awarded \$253,169 over two years from the Kentucky Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission to expand support for children and families affected by substance use in Western Kentucky.

This funding is part of a historic statewide investment of nearly \$34 million announced by Attorney General Russell Coleman to combat the opioid crisis.

The project, called the Western Kentucky Alliance for Drug Endangered Children (DEC) Expansion Project, will focus on helping children who may be impacted by parent or caregiver substance use. The initiative will serve Hancock, McLean, Ohio, and Union Counties by bringing together local agencies and organizations

to identify children in need earlier and connect families with support services more quickly.

Through the project, partners from child welfare, law enforcement, healthcare, schools, courts, and behavioral health services will work more closely together to improve communication, make referrals easier, and provide help before problems become more serious.

RiverValley Behavioral Health has long been involved in Drug Endangered Children (DEC) efforts at both the state and national levels. These efforts focus on helping children who have been exposed to substance use, trauma, and other difficult life experiences. RVBH has worked alongside community partners to improve support systems for children and families affected by substance use disorders.

This new funding

will strengthen those efforts by increasing collaboration across the region, expanding training opportunities for professionals, and creating long-term systems of care that help protect children while supporting family recovery.

“This investment allows us to deepen collaboration across systems and respond earlier to the needs of children and families affected by substance use,” said Dr. Wanda Figueroa-Peralta, RVBH President & CEO. “Children exposed to substance use are often the unseen victims of the opioid epidemic. Through this initiative, we are strengthening our ability as a region to identify risk sooner, intervene more effectively, and provide families with the support they need to heal and thrive.”

RVBH has appointed Brooke Arnold, Director of the RVBH Regional Prevention

Center, to lead the project. In this role, she will lead regional collaboration efforts, support county DEC teams, coordinate training initiatives, and help ensure communities have the tools and partnerships needed to respond effectively to children and families impacted by substance use.

“This funding supports our local communities in developing local solutions that protect and strengthen children and families impacted by substance use,” Arnold said. “By keeping children who represent our future at the forefront of this work, we can build safer, healthier, and more hopeful communities across Western Kentucky.”

Arnold brings significant expertise to this effort through her leadership and ongoing work with the National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children, where she serves

as Kentucky’s point of contact for all DEC Alliances across the Commonwealth. Her experience in building multidisciplinary partnerships and advancing best practices for children impacted by substance use will be instrumental in the success of this initiative throughout Western Kentucky.

Through this project, RVBH will provide trauma-informed training for professionals who work directly with children and families, expand care coordination and family support services, and increase access to prevention resources.

These efforts are designed to help communities respond more effectively to substance-related concerns

while addressing the needs of both children and caregivers.

By focusing on early intervention, collaboration, and ongoing support, the initiative aims to improve child safety and well-being while helping break cycles of substance use that can affect families for generations.

The funding comes from Kentucky’s share of a \$1 billion national settlement with corporations held responsible for the opioid epidemic. Under state law, half of the funds are distributed directly to local governments, while the Kentucky Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission oversees the remainder for statewide grant programs.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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 Union County.

RIVER VIEW COAL, LLC
9135015 MI 51 4/1/2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS SURPLUS SALE

Union County Public Schools will accept sealed bids on surplus library furniture. Sealed bids must be completed using the UCPS bid form and be delivered to the Union County Schools Administrative Office located at 4500 US Hwy 60 W, Morganfield, KY 42437 before 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 23, 2026. Electronic bids will not be accepted.

All bids must be sealed and labeled “Bid – Furniture”. Bids will be opened at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 23, 2026.

A complete list of available furniture and the UCPS bid form is available on the district website at www.union.kyschools.us under the Bulletin Board section on the home page.

The furniture will be available to view in person by appointment. Please contact Morganfield Elementary School at 270-389-2611 to schedule an appointment. 6/17c

-- PUBLIC NOTICE --

The U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA) is considering a request for Federal assistance from City of Sturgis to construct a Groundwater Treatment Plant and Water System Improvements in Sturgis, Union County, Kentucky. Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), EDA is conducting an assessment of the potential of the proposed project to affect the environment and/or historic properties. Notice is hereby given that the project is proposed to be located in, or may affect, a floodplain and/or wetland as defined by Executive Order (EO) 11988 and/or EO 11990.

The project includes a new groundwater source water treatment plant, a new raw water and finish water transmission main, water line extensions and a booster pump station. The project will be located at the existing water treatment plant at 953 Cemetery Road, Sturgis, KY. Project information is available for review at City of Sturgis City Hall, 106 6th Street, Sturgis, Kentucky 42459, telephone number 270-333-2166.

If you have any information regarding potential impacts to historic properties or environmental resources including wetlands or floodplains associated with this proposed project, please provide any comments by email to ATRO-REO@eda.gov.

Comments received by 5:00 pm eastern on July 10, 2026 will be considered. A copy of the NEPA/NHPA decisional document will be available upon request at the EDA Atlanta Regional Office. 6/10c

Technology Takes Over The Laundry Room

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Modern technology. Don’t you just love it?

I am a simple person. The simpler the better. I don’t like controversy and I don’t like change. I don’t like venturing too far from my comfort zone.

My husband says life is an adventure and you have to take chances. You must do things you have never done before. Like jumping out of a plane at 15,000 feet.

I Don’t Like Change.

I have my computer and my cell phone and I am comfortable. When it is time to upgrade I get frustrated. It isn’t the same as my other one. I don’t like this new one. My husband gets frustrated at me and tells me, “No, it isn’t the same as the old one. It is an upgrade. It is better. Move on.”

I got a new cell phone and Google Photos added to all my devices.

I’m still learning about the cell phone that is most definitely smarter than me. I like to push a button and talk, snap a picture, and send a text message. My kids and grandkids can do so much with their little handheld computers. I watch in amazement as they use all the features.

Google Photos isn’t at all like the photo program I was using on my computer. On my desktop computer I had folders with dates and names. I click on a year, pull up a month or an event and there are all my pictures. It is just like pulling an album off my shelf and browsing my pic-

tures.

I haven’t figured out how to make albums, files, or search on my iPad Google Photos. I know if I want to look at photos I can browse through all of them, but finding certain events I can’t do it.

One day a message popped up and asked if I wanted to free up space by deleting 550 pictures. They would still be in my albums and not lost. I pushed OK and then wished I hadn’t. I had no idea what pictures were deleted or where to begin looking for them.

Whenever I clicked photos on my iPad there was nothing. Not a single picture. Google said they were still there, but failed to tell me where.

I Do Not Like Change!

Now there is another stressful change I faced. I don’t consider it technology either. To me technology involves electronics, cords, buttons, and video screens. This new advancement is messing with something I considered simple.

It all started when my husband asked if I would wash his jacket. Since it was new I checked the tag for washing instructions. Washing instructions that should have said, turn inside out, wash in cold water with like colors, tumble dry low, and touch up with low heat iron as needed.

There was a tag that had fabric content. A tag with the brand name. A tag with the size. There was no tag with washing instructions. After searching I found a tag on the lower side seam in hi-

eroglyphics.

What is this and what is it telling me? There was a bucket with waves on top and two lines under it. A triangle with an X through it. A square surrounding a large circle with an X through it. An iron shape with an X through it, and a circle with a big X through it.

What is going on?

I asked my husband to read this. He didn’t even attempt it.

When he doesn’t know the answer to stuff he throws out his famous line he tells everyone, “Google it!”

So I did. There was too much information popping up for washing symbols. So much information that there were several pages explaining the symbols. Some used one to six dots for temperature and some used degrees 30 to 95.

This reminded me too much of Algebra. I didn’t like that either.

I found a page I could print with all the symbols and the explanations under them. I printed the hieroglyphic page and sat down with my laundry tag and a blank paper to translate.

Machine wash warm, do not bleach, hang dry, do not iron, and do not dry clean.

After stressing over the upgrade on laundry tags I put the jacket in the washer and prayed for the best. I hung my new laundry aid at eye level, under a magnet on the front of the freezer next to my washer.

I Do Not Like Change!