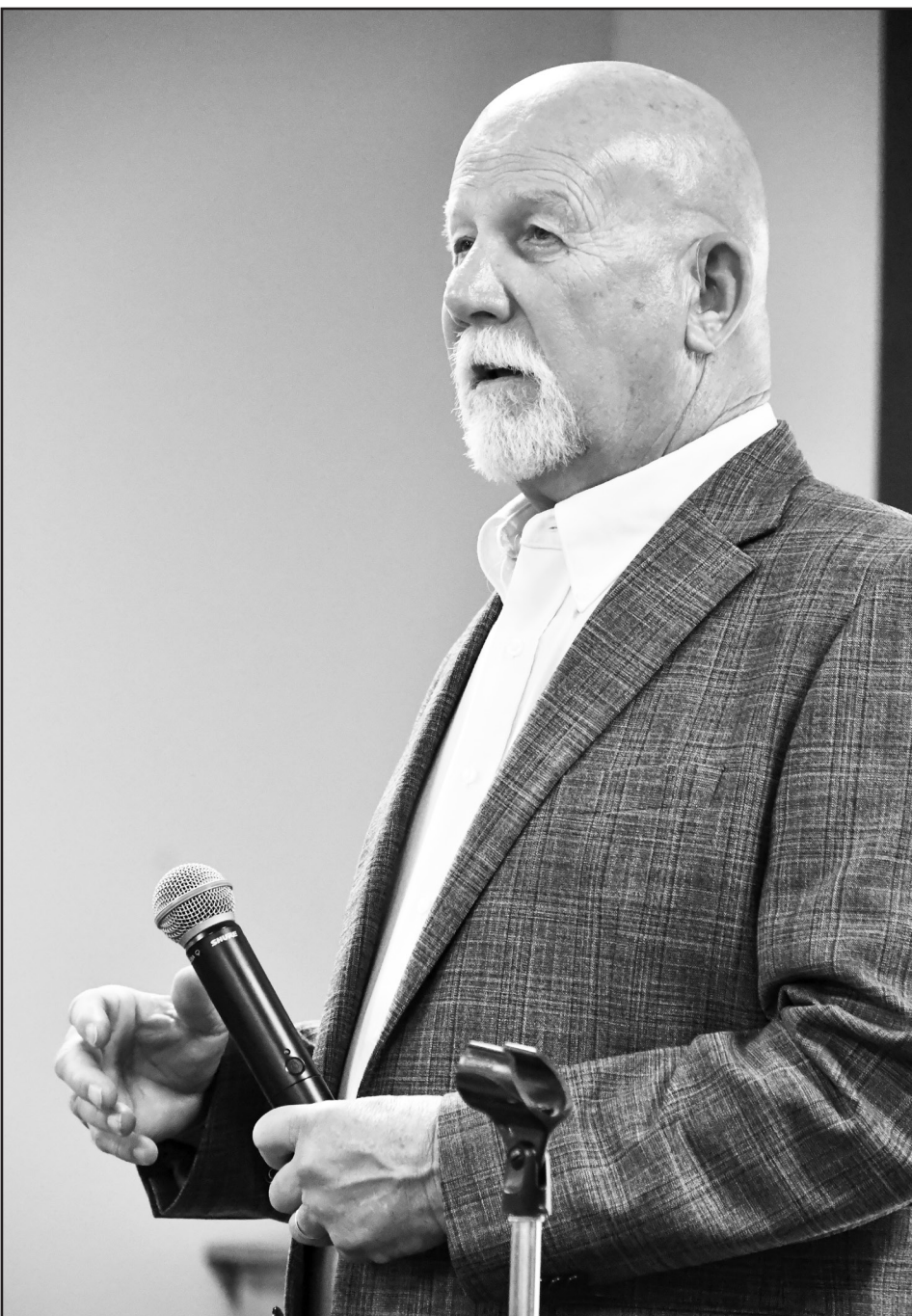




SENATOR ROBBY MILLS attended Wednesday’s Sturgis City Council meeting to present the city with a \$4 million grant award that will help the city move forward with their water improvement project. Mills and representatives Jim Gooch Jr and Suzanne Miles were instrumental in helping the city secure the much needed funding.



STURGIS MAYOR BILLY Adams thanked a number of individuals who have been instrumental in helping the city secure funding for water and sewer improvements in the community. Tim Troutman, Dr. Chris Woolridge, Jim Gooch, Jr., Robby Mills, Suzanne Miles and Jude/Executive Adam O’Nan were among the individuals who have been instrumental in helping the city move forward with upgrades to the city’s infrastructure.

Ways To Cut Back On Daily Spending

Inflation-related price increases on items people need each day have exhibited a stubborn staying power over the last several years. The cost of necessities like food, clothing and housing have remained high for years and forced many households to tighten their purse strings in an effort to make ends meet.

Perhaps nothing is a greater indicator of the ongoing toll of high prices than the lack of emergency funds available to a wide number of people should they encounter issues like job loss or personal injury. According to the 2026 Annual Emergency Savings Report from Bankrate, only 47 percent of adults indicate they have sufficient liquidity or access to funds to cover an emergency expense of \$1,000. The Bankrate report also indicated that 29 percent of adults in the United States have more credit card debt than emergency savings.

Consumers struggling to build their savings may not be able to exert any control over the cost of everyday items that are affecting their ability to save. However, these three approaches geared toward cutting back on daily spending might help people save more, which can position them to more effectively manage emergency situations.

1. Examine where your money goes each month. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau urges consumers to take a realistic look at their current spending patterns. The CFPB notes that various resources, including some that might not cost consumers a dime, can help people effectively track their spending. Many banks and credit unions offer online financial tracking services free of charge to account holders. Pri-

vate companies may offer similar services for a fee. Whichever path consumers choose, it’s impossible to identify ways to cut back on spending without first recognizing how money is being spent.

2. Embrace cost-effective alternatives to items you currently buy each day. A morning cup of coffee is a cherished part of many adults’ daily lives. But where that cup of Joe is coming from is an import financial variable. In a recent analysis of café drinks conducted by Toast, researchers found that the average price of a regular cup of coffee was \$3.27, an increase those behind the study credited to the rising cost of ingredients like coffee beans and sugar and higher wages for baristas. By comparison, Toast reported that the average cost of a brew-at-home coffee was between \$0.25 to \$0.75 per cup. Clearly, brew-at-home coffee is a cost-effective alternative. The same can be said for midday meals. Professionals who do not bring their lunch with them to

work each day can start doing so. The cost savings of such a tweak are potentially significant and offer an instant and effective way to cut back on daily spending.

3. Turn off saved payment functions. If an examination of monthly spending reveals lots of money being spent at online retailers for non-essential items and services, then consumers can erect their own roadblocks to curtail such spending. Many online retailers store payment methods to facilitate transactions, but users don’t have to accept offers to save card numbers. By deleting their personal information from saved payment methods, consumers are making impulse buying more difficult. The extra time it takes to enter personal information and credit card data might be all the time people need to reconsider if they truly need an item.

Consumers finding it hard to navigate a higher cost-of-living can employ various measures to cut back on daily spending.

Union County Schools Local Planning Committee Meeting and Public Forum

The Union County Schools’ Local Planning Committee (LPC) will conduct a **PUBLIC MEETING** on **November 2, 2026**, at **5:30 PM CST** at the Union County Board of Education Central Office located at 4500 US Highway 60W, Morganfield, Kentucky 42437. A Public Forum for public comment will follow this meeting at approximately 6:45 pm.

This is the first of a series of meetings and public forums to develop a District Facilities Plan for Union County Schools. The Kentucky Department of Education will provide training information for the LPC members followed by a fiscal agent and architect presentation. This meeting and future meetings will be informal gatherings to encourage local participation through community suggestions relative to future utilization of existing school facilities and construction of new school facilities. These community suggestions or recommendations will be closely monitored by the Local Planning Committee in the development of a proposed District Facility Plan for the Union County School District.

For additional information contact Dr. Terra Hancock, Superintendent of the Union County Schools, 4500 US Highway 60W, Morganfield, Ky, 42437 at 270-389-1694.

The public is welcome and invited to this series of meetings and public forums.

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secure over \$9 million in EDA grant funds, Representative Suzanne Miles and State Senator Robby Mills were among the special guests. Mills and Milles presented the city with a \$4 million check with funds earmarked for the water treatment plant.

In his remarks to the council Mills noted that the state has had a lot of success with water projects that will help many Kentucky communities. He added that he wanted to have a small part in helping Sturgis, noting that the amount of money Sturgis received is “indicative of the work the Judge/Executive and mayor have done” to upgrade the city’s infrastructure.

Following the presentation, Adams thanked both Mills and Miles along with Representative Jim Gooch. Gooch was unable to attend the meeting but encouraged the city to “make this \$4 million work for the people.” Adams also added his thanks

to Congressman James Comer and told those present “Folks, Sturgis has a bright, bright future.” To date, Adams said, the city has received \$16 million to make upgrade the city city’s infrastructure including both sewer and water services.

The mayor also recognized the city newly organized Beautify Sturgis board who are working to improve the

appearance of the community.

The meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m. for a reception for guests and community members in attendance. The ECCJCA culinary arts students served refreshments.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for a new Hitesville Road Bridge will be received by the Union County Fiscal Court until 8:30 a.m. Central Standard Time on November 10th, 2026. They will be publicly read in Union County Fiscal Court, 2nd floor of the Union County Courthouse, 100 West Main Street, Morganfield, KY on November 10th, 2026.

The Contract Documents, including technical specifications and drawings, may be examined at the following locations:

**Union County Judges Office
100 West Main Street
Morganfield, KY 42437**

The project will be advertised in The Sturgis News on October 28th and November 4th, 2026. Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained at the office of Union County Judges Office, 100 West Main Street, Morganfield, Kentucky 42437. Copies may be obtained via email by emailing jill.hunley@unioncountky.gov.

The Union County Fiscal Court shall reserve the right to waive informalities and to reject any or all bids. 10/28c

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NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that River View Coal, LLC, 1146 Monarch Street STE:350, Lexington, Kentucky 40513, has applied for Phase I II and III bond release on increment No. 2 and 4 and an administrative release of increment No. 3 of permit 913-0014, which was last issued on September 16th, 2026. The application covers an area of approximately 14.0 surface acres.

The permit area is near the intersection of State Route 1180 and State Route 359.

The bonds now in effect for the mentioned increments are surety bonds in the amount of \$225,000. 100% of the original bonds receiving release in the amount of \$225,000 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, regrading, topsoil replacement, and drainage control including soil preparation and initial seeding and mulching in accordance with the approved reclamation plan and a report for the area has been submitted to the cabinet in accordance with 405 KAR 16:200, Section 8 or 405 KAR 18:200, Section 8. revegetation has been established in accordance with the approved reclamation plan and the standards for success of revegetation, successful completion of all surface and reclamation operations in accordance with the approved reclamation plan such that the land is capable of supporting the post mining land use of cropland approved pursuant to 405 KAR 16:210 or 405 KAR 18:220; compliance with requirements of KRS Chapter 350, 405 KAR Chapters 7 through 24, and 405 KAR 10:020 and release of 14.0 acres.

This is the final advertisement of the application. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, 300 Sower Boulevard Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601 by Friday November 20th, 2026.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 9:00 AM on Tuesday, December 1st, 2026 at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Madisonville Regional Office, State Office Building, Third Floor, 625 Hospital Drive, Madisonville, KY 42431. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by Friday November 20th, 2026. 10/21c