

TOWN CRIER

UPCOMING

- Oak Grove Tourism will host the **18th Annual Butterfly Festival** from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sep. 5 at the War Memorial Walking Trail. Over 3,000 live butterflies will be released. The event includes a petting zoo, food vendors, a balloon artist, train rides, zipline adventures, and more.
- The Aaron McNeil House will have their monthly food distribution on Saturday, Sept. 12 at the Western Kentucky State Fairgrounds.
- The Human Rights Commission Hopkinsville-Christian County will host the **52nd Annual Unity Breakfast** from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 22 at Oak Grove Racing, Gaming and Hotel. This year's theme is "Rooted in Compassion...Moving Forward with Hope," and the keynote speaker of the event will be Murray State University President, Dr. Ron Patterson.
- Hopkinsville-Christian County Family YMCA will host the **3rd Annual Murder Mystery Dinner** from 5 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 24 at the Hopkinsville Golf and Country Club. This year's theme is Death of a Gangster.
- The Pennyroyal Arts Council will host **Candlelight Celtic Christmas** at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 28 at the Alhambra Theatre. The event will include an intimate touring show created by World Champion of Irish dance Scott Doherty and musician Chris Smith.

ONGOING

- The **Pembroke City Commission** meets at 6 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at Pembroke City Hall, 222 S. Main St.
- The **Rotary Club of Hopkinsville** meets at noon every Tuesday at the War Memorial Building,

1202 S. Virginia St.

- The Hopkinsville-Christian County Public Library, 1101 Bethel St., offers an **Epic Hour** at 5 p.m. every Tuesday. This is a one hour long free program for school aged children. For more information, call 270-887-4262.
- The Book and Bottle Shop offer a **Silent Book Club** from 5-7 p.m. every Tuesday at the store, 123 E 9th Street.
- The **Hopkinsville-Christian County Public Library** board meets at noon on the fourth Tuesday of the month in the meeting room at the library. The meeting is open to the community.
- The **Oak Grove City Council** meets at 6 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month at city hall.
- The **Christian County Fiscal Court** meets at 8:30 a.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month in the fiscal court room, 511 South Main St.
- The Hopkinsville-Christian County Public Library offers a **Children's Storytime** at 10 a.m. every Wednesday at the library, 1101 Bethel St. Children can enjoy stories, music, and movement activities. This is for infants to preschool-aged children. For more information, call 270-887-4262.
- The **Hopkinsville Brewing Company Running Club** meets every Wednesday at the brewery from 5-8 p.m. It is open to all ages and abilities from walkers to sprinters, and strollers and leashed dogs are welcome.
- The **Museums of Historic Hopkinsville-Christian County Board of Directors** meets monthly on the second Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. at the Pennyroyal Area Museum. The meetings are open to the public.
- The **Kiwanis Club of Hopkinsville** meets at noon every Thursday at the War Memorial

Building, 1202 S. Virginia St.

- The **City of Elkon** meets at 6 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month at Elkon City Hall, 71 Public Square, Elkon.
- The **Hopkinsville Committee of the Whole** meets at 6 p.m. on the Thursday following the last Hopkinsville City Council meeting in the Hopkinsville Municipal Center, 715 South Virginia Street.
- Museums of Historic Hopkinsville-Christian County holds a free **History on Tap** event at 6:30 p.m. on the last Thursday of the month at the Hopkinsville Brewing Company. The events aim to share local history in a relaxed and fun setting. There is a new topic each week on someone or someplace in Hopkinsville or Christian County. For more information, follow the museum on Facebook or call 270-887-4270.
- The Hopkinsville-Christian County Public Library, 1101 Bethel St., offers a **Play and Grow** class for toddlers to preschool age children at 10 a.m. every Friday. For more information, call 270-887-4262.
- The **Todd County Fiscal Court** meets at 9 a.m. on the second and fourth Friday of each month at the courthouse, 202 E. Washington St., Elkon.
- Hopkinsville Parks and Recreation has partnered with Balance Hoptown to offer **Yoga in the Park** at 10 a.m. the first Saturday of every month. The park changes each month, follow them on Facebook to learn more.

To submit items to the Kentucky New Era for publication, email us at editor@kentuckynewera.com. Town Crier notices are for nonprofit and community oriented events only. Due to spacing, items submitted may be edited as needed.

Beshear father and son celebrate expansion of Mountain Parkway

BY TOM LATEK KENTUCKY TODAY

HELECHAWA – Gov. Andy Beshear joined his father, former Gov. Steve Beshear, and local, state and federal officials to cut the ribbon on the Wolfe County segment of the Mountain Parkway expansion.

The ribbon-cutting completes the final 32 continuous miles of four-lane Mountain Parkway in eastern Kentucky.

“Team Kentucky is proud to mark another milestone in this project that Kentuckians have been waiting half a century to see come to life,” Beshear said in a state news release. “This took a tremendous amount of work, and the end result means we have taken another step forward in making it safer, easier and faster for families to live, learn, work and connect across eastern Kentucky.”

Construction of the 11-mile Wolfe County segment, which broke ground in 2022, took place from mile point



Submitted

Gov. Andy Beshear speaks Monday at a dedication of the latest segment of the Mountain Parkway expansion. He was accompanied by his father, former Gov. Steve Beshear.

45.8 near Campton to just west of Exit 57 near Helechawa and included the reconstruction of interchanges with Kentucky 191 at Campton and Kentucky 1010 at Hazel Green.

The nearly \$100 million investment included securing a \$55 million federal Infrastructure for Rebuilding America grant in 2020. It is the last of five project segments to widen the original Mountain Parkway's two-lane route through mountainous terrain between Campton and Salyersville.

Completion of the

Wolfe County section leaves only the sixth and final segment remaining in the Mountain Parkway expansion. In 2025, Gov. Beshear broke ground on the 13-mile Magoffin-Floyd segment – an all-new, cross-country piece of the parkway that will provide a four-lane connection from Salyersville to Kentucky 114 near Prestonsburg.

With approximately 30 million cubic yards of earth to move, it is one of the largest excavation projects in the state's history, and its scale means construction will continue for several years.

United Way begins fall campaign

BY THE EAGLE POST

The United Way of the Pennyryle was scheduled to kick its 2026-27 annual campaign with a community breakfast Thursday at the Silo Event Center in Hopkinsville.

This year's campaign is led by co-chairs Amy and Derrick Watson and

carries the theme, “Making Headlines, Making a Difference - YOU Are the Story.”

Funds raised through the annual campaign support 15 local partner agencies providing more than 30 programs across Christian, Todd and Trigg counties.

During the breakfast, organizers were to debut

the campaign video, introduce campaign division volunteers, recognize Pacesetter donors and announce the official 2026-27 fundraising goal.

Those interested in scheduling a workplace presentation may contact the United Way of the Pennyryle at 270-886-8171.

DEATH NOTICES

Roy Edward Spain, 79, of Hopkinsville, KY passed away Saturday, Aug. 22. Morgan's Funeral Home is assisting with the arrangements.

Peggy Oliver, 78, of Princeton, KY passed away Sunday, Aug. 23. Morgan's Funeral Home is assisting with the arrangements.

Joanna Sommers Williams, 52, of Guthrie, KY passed away Sunday, Aug. 23. Latham Funeral Home is assisting with the arrangements.

James Leslie Torian, 85, of Hopkinsville, KY passed away Saturday, Aug. 22. Gamble Funeral Home is assisting with the arrangements.

Sarah Elanie Fox Cager, 73, of Hopkinsville, KY passed away Wednesday, Aug. 19. Gamble Funeral Home is assisting with the arrangements.

Janet Harris Joiner, 89, of Cadiz, KY passed away Monday, Aug. 24. King's Funeral Home is assisting with the arrangements.

Margaret Amy Hartmann Wilkey, 84, passed away Saturday, Aug. 22. Keeling & Goodman Funeral Home is assisting with the arrangements.

William Bart Charles, 67, of Hopkinsville, KY passed away Monday, Aug. 24. Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home is assisting with the arrangements.

Ronald Sherwood Henderson, 78, of Hopkinsville, KY passed away Monday, Aug. 24. Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home is assisting with the arrangements.

Tashaun Mykal Foster, 26, of Glasgow, KY formerly of Allensville, KY passed away Saturday, Aug. 22. Latham Funeral Home is assisting with the arrangements.

Billy Travis O'Neal, 67, of Hopkinsville, KY passed away Sunday, Aug. 23. Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home is assisting with the arrangements.

Phil Camp, 69, of Hopkinsville, KY passed away Thursday, Aug. 20. Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral

Home is assisting with the arrangements.

Wanda Joe Williams, 79, of Elkton, KY passed away Tuesday, Aug. 25. Latham Funeral Home is assisting with the arrangements.

Diane Bailey, 72, of Hopkinsville, KY passed away Wednesday, Aug. 26. Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home is assisting with the arrangements.

Jeffrey Darren “Jeff” Futrell, 55, of Cadiz, KY passed away Thursday, Aug. 27. King's Funeral Home is assisting with the arrangements.

Jacine Marie LaStrange Nelson, 92, of Cadiz, KY passed away Wednesday, Aug. 26. King's Funeral Home is assisting with the arrangements.

Robert Wayne Peek, 62, of Princeton, KY passed away Wednesday, Aug. 26. Morgan's Funeral Home is assisting with the arrangements.

Clifford “Skip” West, 88, of Princeton, KY passed away Tuesday, Aug. 25. Morgan's Funeral Home is assisting with the arrangements.

Dorlis Dell Campbell Johnson, 88, of Hopkinsville, KY passed away Friday, Aug. 21. Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home is assisting with the arrangements.

James Henry Guill, 79, of Dawson Springs, KY passed away Thursday, Aug. 27. Goodman Funeral Home is assisting with the arrangements.

Kathleen Cmela, 81, of Cadiz, KY passed away Saturday, Aug. 29. King's Funeral Home is assisting with the arrangements.

Antonio Micheal Brody Copeland, 43, of Hopkinsville, KY passed away Wednesday, Aug. 26. Gamble Funeral Home is assisting with the arrangements.

The New Era publishes death notices at no charge. Basic obituaries, which include memorial and funeral information, are \$10. The cost of full obituaries varies according to length. Both types of obituaries are published daily at kentuckynewera.com. Your local funeral home can assist in placing an obituary.

Fall quota hunt applications open through Sept. 30

BY NEW ERA STAFF

Kentucky hunters can apply through Sept. 30 for fall quota hunts for deer, waterfowl, pheasants and sandhill cranes, according to a Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources news release.

The application period runs through midnight Central time Wednesday, Sept. 30. Applications are available to resident and nonresident hunters through the MyProfile online portal at the department's website. Applications are not accepted by phone, and the minimum fee is \$3 per application, according to the release.

Applicants will receive a confirmation number, and results will be posted through MyProfile by 5 p.m. Eastern time, or 4 p.m. Central time, Friday, Oct. 9. Randomized drawings determine

recipients of the hunt opportunities, which are limited to specific quotas.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife offers 38 deer quota hunts at various wildlife management areas and state parks, waterfowl quota hunts at five public land locations, pheasant hunts at three wildlife management areas and statewide permits to hunt sandhill cranes, the release said.

Some hunts are mentored hunts for youth and accompanying adults, while several are open only to mobility-impaired hunters.

Quota hunts control the number of hunters in an area to provide quality hunting opportunities and regulate harvests at specific areas. Residents and nonresidents are eligible, but no more than 10% of nonresidents can be drawn in each deer quota hunt pool.

Only the person suc-

cessfully drawn for a quota hunt may hunt. Drawn hunters must purchase applicable licenses and permits before the hunts to legally participate.

Lists of quota hunts, dates and special regulations are available on the department's Quota Hunts and Waterfowl Quota Hunts webpages, according to the release. The information also is available in the annual Kentucky Hunting and Trapping Guide and the online-only Kentucky Hunting Guide for Migratory Birds and Waterfowl.

Questions about fall quota hunts may be directed to the agency's Information Center at 800-858-1549 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern time weekdays, excluding state holidays, or by email at info.center@ky.gov.

Kentucky PSC investigating rising gas, electricity costs

BY LIAM NIEMEYER KENTUCKY LANTERN

Kentucky's utility regulator has launched an effort to study the affordability of electric and natural gas utility service for residential ratepayers, arguing that utility access is “fundamental to the health, safety and well-being of Kentuckians.”

A news release issued Wednesday by the Kentucky Public Service Commission says federal data shows the cost of electricity for residential ratepayers in Kentucky has increased by 21.8% from 2020 to 2025.

The regulator wrote that because of rising utility costs, the agency believes a “broader examination” of affordability issues would help

it better understand “the factors affecting affordability” and “evaluate existing and potential approaches for addressing those concerns.”

A coalition of groups advocating for the environment, renewable energy and consumers had called on the regulator in June to launch such an affordability investigation that would include examining the potential costs of fossil fuels and data centers.

The regulator plans to host a “technical conference” next year examining the issues brought to light in the investigation. The regulator is asking utilities and other interested groups to submit initial comments in the investigation by the end of

September.

Kentuckians can submit a public comment in the case by searching for the specific case number for the investigation, which is 2026-00185.



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