

Rep. Elliott, Sen. Storm discuss upcoming session



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Casey County's state legislators Rep. Daniel Elliott, left, and Sen. Brandon Storm, right, discuss the upcoming 2025 Kentucky Legislative Session in a Jan. 31 Legislative Coffee held in Liberty City Hall. The Liberty-Casey County Chamber of Commerce sponsored the event.

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Casey County's state representative and senator met with city and county officials and the public in a Legislative Coffee held Jan. 31 and discussed taxes, a new Lake Liberty, roads funding and more. The Liberty-Casey County Chamber of Commerce sponsored the event.

Rep. Daniel Elliott and Sen. Brandon Storm are both serving as chairs of their respective Judiciary Committees, which Elliott said put Casey County in a unique situation as having both of their representatives as chairs.

Elliott said that the legislature was busy setting the agenda for the session, and had already

moved on a bill to lessen the state personal income tax rate to 3.5%. He said that as the state continues to meet revenue benchmarks, the rate would be lowered slowly. Ultimately, many legislators would like to see the rate end at 0% for income taxes.

Elliott said that on his agenda is a \$9 million project to construct a new lake to supplement Lake Liberty. The lake would double the water supply for the city and county.

"That's really what Senator Storm and I are focused on and we're working together on that. We've brought in Senator Higdon and we're going to bring in others

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Coldest January in 11 years

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January 2025 was the coldest January since 2014.

A warm week to end the month, including the last day of the month, pushed the average median temperature to 28 degrees even. This was 0.5 degrees warmer than 2014, which ended at 27.5 degrees, according to Kentucky Mesonet.

January 31 was the warmest day of the month at 61.6 degrees. This kept an 11-year streak of having at least one day in the 60s going.

If it weren't for the warm week to end the month, it was likely that it would have been the coldest January since 1985.

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EDA sets meeting dates, board membership

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The Liberty-Casey County Economic Development Authority board on Jan. 27 did a bit of housekeeping, including setting the monthly meeting date, finalizing board membership, and amending the bylaws, among other items.

Board chair Barry Lee welcomed new members Todd Harne and Dr. Courtney Brockman, which brings the membership up to eight total. The board consists of Chair Lee, Vice Chair Micah Meece, Taylor Rousey, Secretary/Treasurer Leanne Davis, Michael King, Brad Neat, Brockman and Harne. Also serving are ex-officio (nonvoting) members Mayor Dr. Sam Haddad and Casey County Judge/Executive Randy Dial.

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Rusty Tungate, center, speaks about the progress the hospital district has made during an open house event held Feb. 1 in the new Casey County Primary Center. Also pictured, from left, are Dan Johnson, Taylor Rousey (behind), Karen Atwood, and Dr. Houssam Haddad, right.

Casey County Primary Care holds open house

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Parking spots were scarce at the new Casey County Primary Care on Feb. 1. Community leaders, community members, Casey County Hospital District Board members and hospital staff, and many more, all came out to celebrate the opening of the new medical care facility on Wallace Wilkinson Boulevard.

The inside of the waiting room was packed, with many an "excuse me" said as people gave each other handshakes, salutations and to give the hospital congratulations on a state-of the art, beautiful facility.

In a ribbon-cutting ceremony, hospital CEO Rusty Tungate said that the day was momentous, marking a huge turnaround for the hospital district.

"We're very proud of this moment. We're certainly proud of the hospital for sure. When I started in (nineteen) ninety-six, I think we didn't have enough money to get a loaf of bread hardly, and the city was coming to turn the gas off. So we've come a long way since then and we're proud of our hospital," Tungate said. "We're very proud of this building that we've done."

He also thanked Casey County Bank for its support, and the board of directors for their support in constructing the new building.

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BRIEFS

PUBLIC MEETINGS

- Liberty Tourism and Convention Commission will meet at 5 p.m. Feb. 6 in Liberty City Hall.
- Liberty City Council will meet at 5 p.m. Feb. 10 in Liberty City Hall.
- The Casey County Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. Feb. 10 in the district annex.
- There will be a public hearing at 4:45 p.m. Feb. 17 on whether to remove Shannon Drive from the county road inventory in the Casey County Judicial Center.
- The Casey County Fiscal Court will meet at 5 p.m. Feb. 17 in the Casey County Judicial Center.

HAPPENINGS

- The Liberty-Casey County Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly luncheon at 12 p.m. Feb. 12 in the Pork Producers building at the Central Kentucky Ag/Expo Center in Liberty.

OBITUARIES

Carol Durham, 91
Pauline Durham, 82

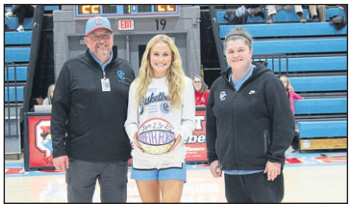
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	THURSDAY Storms chance High: 63 Low: 38
	FRIDAY Mostly sunny High: 56 Low: 48
	SATURDAY Rain chance High: 70 Low: 42
	SUNDAY Rain chance High: 46 Low: 31
	MONDAY Partly cloudy High: 45 Low: 30
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