

# Happy birthday, Evelyn!



Evelyn Russell celebrated her 94th birthday on April 27. She has three sons, two grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

## PALMER

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“It’s really crazy how television works,” he said. “It’s so different from what you actually see on TV. There’s a lot of counting, and a bunch of interviews.”

Palmer explained that a lot of “really talented” people went home because their stories didn’t line up, and that he wasn’t the best at interviewing.

He made it through the first round of cuts, from 145 down to about 80, and then to around 60.

“My last performance was in the showstopper round, and I got to play with the band. They have an amazing band

In a stroke of bad luck, he had fallen ill with influenza.

“I caught the flu like the day of or the night before. I blew my audition and I think that’s why I got cut,” he said.

Even though he didn’t get to go on, Palmer did make some friends. He met Kam’ron Smith, who he said invited him to come to Nashville and record with him.

“Me and him have been buddies since New York and sang a lot together,” Palmer said, adding that Smith had sang a song that Palmer wrote and a producer liked it so much.

“He was like, ‘I don’t have any originals,’ and he was like ‘I know a guy whose got a few origi-

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nals’ so he calls me and asked me to go to Nashville with him, and we cut a song in Nashville,” he said.

Palmer just got back on April 25. He is continuing his studies at Campbellsville University, where he is earning his degree in business. But his dream is to continue performing.

He aspires to join other Casey County natives now living in Nashville, like Luke McQueary and Derrick Wesley.

“I was actually fortunate enough to play with Luke before I ever thought of going on American Idol,” he said.

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“What I really want to do is sing,” he said.



Caleb is May’s Little Librarian and helped decorate the children’s area in the Casey County Public Library.



Caleb also helped with activities, including helping with Easter eggs.

# Caleb is the ‘Little Librarian’ for May

BY TAYLOR TUCKER  
CASEY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Meet Caleb Bicknell! Caleb is a third grader at Liberty Elementary. He loves math, The Cat in the Hat, and helping others!

Caleb volunteered by hiding Easter eggs for our Library Littles, switching out the books, decorations, and activities in the children’s area, and entertain-

ing our littles during our Easter party! He is ALWAYS looking for ways to help!

If you know a Casey County 3rd, 4th, or 5th grader who would like to

volunteer at the library, simply fill out our application! Physical applications are available at the front desk; virtual applications are available on Facebook.

## RECORD

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the highest total in the Twentieth Century. The top three rain totals for April since 1895 are all within the last 15 years.

Casey County also just set a record for the most inches of precipitation on a calendar year from January through April. As of April 30, Casey County had received 30.35 inches, according to Mesonet.

The 30.35 inches is a new record for the first four months of any year in Casey County. This new 2025 record is two full inches higher than the prior record from 1939, when 28.33 inches measured January through April. From January through April 1972 a total of 28.11 inches were recorded.

As of May 4, a total of 32.21 inches had fallen.

Looking ahead, the record for total inches of precipitation in the first five months of any year on record (January through May) in Casey County is 34.11 inches of rain, which was set in 1935. Second place is 32.73 inches in 1972.

The record for total inches of precipitation in the first six months of any year (January

through June) in Casey County is 43.36 inches in 1935. Second place would be 1950, which saw 39.35 inches for the first six months of the year.

The wettest calendar year on record was in 2018, when almost six feet of rain fell (71.14 inches).

It is uncertain whether or not the weather will continue to be wetter

than average.

NOAA’s Seasonal Outlook, released April 17, gives our area equal chances of being wetter, drier, or average rain for the months of May, June and July. A one-month outlook released on April 30 projects that our area will have equal chances for May as well.

Some rain would be welcomed, but perhaps

not at the rate that it has fallen so far.

Casey County has seen three drought years in a row, with the most recent drought conditions ending on Nov. 19, 2024 according to the National Drought Monitor.

Both NOAA outlooks expect that our area will be warmer than average for the next three months.

### INSPECTION PERIOD FOR THE PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT ROLL

The Casey County real property tax roll will be opened for inspection from May 5th through May 19th, 2025. Under the supervision of the property valuation administrator (PVA) or one of the deputies, any person may inspect the tax roll.

This is the January 1, 2025 assessment on which state, county, and school taxes for 2025 will be due about September 15, 2025.

The tax roll is in the office of the PVA and may be inspected between the hours of 8 AM to 4 PM Monday-Friday and 8 AM - Noon on Sat. May 10th & Sat. May 17th

Any taxpayer desiring to appeal an assessment on real property made by the PVA must first request a conference with the PVA or designated deputy. The conference may be held prior to or during the inspection period. Conferences may be held by telephone; or you may exchange correspondence requesting a conference with the PVA or deputy via email or fax. Additionally, our office will be open for in person conferences this year as well. Written documentation supporting your opinion of value will continue to be required . However, you will be instructed on the best method to submit your documentation after contacting our office regarding your request to have conference.

Any taxpayer still aggrieved by an assessment on real property, after the conference with the PVA or designated deputy, may appeal to the county board of assessment appeals.

The appeal must be filed with the county clerk's office no later than one workday following the conclusion of the inspection period. Please contact the county clerk's office to receive instructions on the method the office is using to accept appeals this year and to obtain a form that can be used to file your appeal.

Any taxpayer failing to appeal to the county board of assessment appeals, or failing to appear before the board, either in person or by designated representative, will not be eligible to appeal directly to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

Appeals of personal property assessments shall not be made to the county board of assessment appeals. Personal property taxpayers shall be served notice under the provisions of KRS 132.450(4) and shall have the protest and appeal ,rights granted under the provisions of KRS 131.110.

The following steps should be taken when a taxpayer does not agree with the assessed value of personal property as determined by the property valuation administrator.

- (1) He must list under protest (for certification) what he believes to be the fair cash value of his property.
- (2) He must file a written protest directly with the Department of Revenue, Office of Property Valuation within 30 days from the date of the notice of assessment.
- (3) This protest must be in the accordance with KRS 131.110.
- (4) The final decision of the Department of Revenue may be appealed to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

Brad Johnson  
Casey Co.  
Property Valuation Administrator

## NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY

### RECOVERY BY ENVIRONMENTAL SURCHARGE OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY’S 2025 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE PLAN

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that in an April 30, 2025 Application, Kentucky Utilities Company (“KU”) is seeking approval by the Kentucky Public Service Commission (“Commission”) in Case No. 2025-00105, pursuant to Kentucky Revised Statute 278.183, of an amended compliance plan (“2025 Plan”). (Collectively, KU’s Application and supporting testimony and exhibits are KU’s “tariff filing.”) If approved, KU will begin recovering capital costs associated with a new pollution control facility in the 2025 Plan under KU’s existing Electric Rate Schedule ECR (also known as the Environmental Surcharge tariff) through an increase in the environmental surcharge on customers’ bills beginning in December 2025.

KU filed an application with the Commission on February 28, 2025, in Case No. 2025-00045 seeking approval to construct a selective catalytic reduction system at the Ghent generating station to reduce nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions, which are a precursor to ozone. In Case No. 2025-00105, KU is seeking an order approving the 2025 Plan to recover the costs of this new pollution control facility through its Environmental Surcharge tariff. This project will help ensure ongoing compliance with regulations issued under the federal Clean Air Act as amended, including the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone.

The estimated total capital cost of this new pollution control facility is \$152.3 million. Additionally, KU is requesting recovery of future incremental capital and operation and maintenance expenses associated with this new pollution control facility. KU is also asking to recover the cost of publishing this customer notice through the Environmental Surcharge over 12 months and to have Environmental Surcharge recovery of future Commission-approved administrative expenses, including customer notice costs.

Beginning in December 2025, the initial bill impact for KU’s Group 1 customers is estimated to be a 0.01% increase with a maximum increase of 0.81% in 2029. Group 1 includes Rate Schedules Residential Service (RS), Residential Time-of-Day Energy Service (RTODE), Residential Time-of-Day Demand Service (RTODD), Volunteer Fire Department Service (VFD), All Electric School (AES), and all Lighting Rates (i.e., LS, RLS, LE, and TE).

RS and VFD customers using 1,085 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.01 up to \$1.09. RTODE customers using 1,043 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.01 up to \$1.14. RTODD customers using 987 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.02 up to \$1.80. AES customers using 25,620 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.30 up to \$24.28. LS and RLS customers could expect a monthly increase of \$0.00 up to \$0.12. LE customers using 2,473 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.02 up to \$1.59. TE customers using 147 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.00 up to \$0.15.

Beginning in December 2025, the initial bill impact for KU’s Group 2 customers is estimated to be a 0.01% increase with a maximum increase of 1.10% in 2029. Group 2 includes Rate Schedules General Service (GS), General Time-of-Day Energy Service (GTODE), General Time-of-Day Demand Service (GTODD), Power Service (PS), Time-of-Day Secondary Service (TODS), Time-of-Day Primary Service (TODP), Retail Transmission Service (RTS), Fluctuating Load Service (FLS), and Outdoor Sports Lighting Service (OSL).

GS customers using 1,657 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.03 up to \$2.41. GTODD customers using 19,652 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.31 up to \$25.26. PS-Secondary customers using 30,434 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.39 up to \$32.35. PS-Primary customers using 35,028 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.45 up to \$36.82. TODS customers using 189,538 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$1.54 up to \$126.82. TODP customers using 1,242,574 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$8.25 up to \$678.42. RTS customers using 7,387,224 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$38.91 up to \$3,199.31. FLS-Transmission customers using 44,229,667 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$237.46 up to \$19,525.53. OSL-Secondary customers using 4,627 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.17 up to \$13.87.

The Application described in this Notice is proposed by KU, but the Commission may issue an order resulting in an environmental surcharge for customers other than the environmental surcharge described in this Notice.

Comments regarding KU’s 2025 Plan and Application may be submitted to the Commission through its website or by mail to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

Any person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the initial publication of this Notice, the Commission may take final action on the Application.

Any person may examine KU’s tariff filing at the Commission’s offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the Commission’s website at <http://psc.ky.gov> or KU’s website (<http://www.lge-ku.com>) after KU makes its tariff filing on April 30, 2025. KU has requested a deviation from the requirement to make the tariff filing available at its office at One Quality Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40507. If the Commission denies that request, KU will make the tariff filing available at its office upon request by any person.