

## •CELEBRITIES

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at EKU to pursue a Bachelors degree in Aviation Mechanics.

### **Kaylyn McCabe – Drama**

Kaylyn is the daughter of Kelli and Jermerly Lucas of Summer Shade.

**FUTURE PLANS:** Kaylyn McCabe plans to attend Mississippi State University this fall where she will begin in their fashion design program. She is then planning on transferring to WKU after her first year to be closer to loved ones and to help out with the high school’s color guard.

### **Isabella Gutierrez – FCCLA**

Isabella is the daughter of Ashley Boston and Eli Gutierrez of Edmonton.

**FUTURE PLANS:** Isabella plans to attend Western Kentucky University (WKU) to pursue a degree in nursing, aiming for either a bachelor’s or a master’s degree. She is passionate about providing specialized care for newborns and aspires to become a neonatal nurse. With a strong academic background and a dedication to helping others, she is committed to excelling in her studies and acquiring the necessary skills to make a meaningful impact in the healthcare field. Her ambition and compassion drive her to pursue a career where she can care for the most vulnerable patients and support families during critical moments.

### **Allie Judd – FFA**

Allie is the daughter of Zachary and Christa Judd of Edmonton.

**FUTURE PLANS:** Allie Judd plans to attend Western Kentucky University this fall where she will major in Animal Science. After obtaining her bachelor’s degree she will pursue a career in Animal Health.

### **Emily Jessee – HOSA**

Emily is the daughter of April and Rosco Jessee of Hardyville.

**FUTURE PLANS:** Emily plans to attend South Central Kentucky Community & Technical College where she will begin the nursing program. After obtaining her associates degree, she plans to start working as a registered nurse.

### **Brody Hurt – HNN**

Brody is the son of

Josh and Deena Hurt of Edmonton.

**FUTURE PLANS:** Brody plans to attend Centre College this fall and major in History Education. After graduating from Centre, he plans to teach history at the high-school level.

### **Kassady London - Female Athlete**

Kassady is the daughter of Johnny and Lesley London of Center.

Byron Kirkland-Lundy - Male Athlete

Byron is the son of Greg and Jenny Stotts -Lundy and Nakisha Kirkland.

**Future Plans:** Byron will attend Lindsey Wilson College to play NAIA Football and study nursing or Physical Therapy. Byron plans to pursue the medical field in the future.

### **Logan Gaskins – STLP**

Logan is the son of Jessica Gaskins and Daniel Gaskins of Edmonton.

**FUTURE PLANS:** Logan plans to further his education in the computer science field after High School. Logan will be going to WKU for the next four years for a Bachelor degree for General Computer Science.

### **Landon Heckel – STLP**

Landon is the son of Jenny Heckel, and Johnathan Heckel of Edmonton.

**FUTURE PLANS:** Landon plans to go to SKYCTC and get an associate’s degree in Computer Information Technology.

### **Caitlin Lanette Parke - 4H**

Caitlin is the daughter of Maria Parke and the late Josh Parke of Burkesville.

**FUTURE PLANS:** After graduation Caitlin plans to further her education at Western Kentucky University while pursuing a degree in elementary education. Starting in the fall of 2025, Caitlin plans to start substitute teaching in the Metcalfe County School District as well as other school districts while getting her degree.

### **Allie Judd - 2025 \$1000.00 MCHS Memorial Scholarship**

Allie is the daughter of Zachary and Christa Judd of Edmonton.

# What you Need to Know About REAL ID

## Senator Max Wise

In just a few days, Kentuckians will face new federal requirements for air travel and federal building access under the REAL ID Act. Starting May 7, standard driver’s licenses will no longer be accepted for boarding domestic flights or entering secure federal facilities. Only a REAL ID-compliant license, or an alternative like a U.S. passport or passport card, will meet federal standards.

Earlier this month, I joined my Senate colleagues in sending a letter to Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem asking for an additional extension. With only about 37 percent of Kentuckians compliant, many families may face long waits, travel disruptions, and avoidable frustrations.

Let me clarify who actually needs a REAL ID.

•If you fly domestically or visit secure federal buildings, you will

need a REAL ID, passport, passport card, or another REAL ID compliant form of ID.

•If you do not fly or visit federal facilities, you do not need a REAL ID. A standard driver’s license will still allow you to drive, vote, and conduct everyday activities.

•Alternative options, like passports or military IDs, can also substitute for a REAL ID when traveling or accessing federal buildings.

•If you do not plan on flying soon or visiting a federal building, you do not need to rush to get a REAL ID by May 7. That is the deadline for enforcement, not the deadline to obtain a REAL ID. Appointments will continue to be available after May 7.

Many Kentuckians still face barriers outside their control. Years ago, licensing services moved from local circuit court clerks to regional offices because clerks could not meet federal security standards. Kentucky was the only

state using local offices for driver’s licenses at the time. With the enactment of REAL ID legislation in 2019, licensing transitioned to regional centers operated by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. While the General Assembly has passed laws to help—such as allowing mail-in and online renewals, approving mobile pop-up licensing units to visit unserved counties at least twice annually, and expanding regional offices—day-to-day management of REAL ID remains an executive branch responsibility.

Several issues persist.

•Lack of appointment availability. Currently, many regional offices have no availability until June. There are some available in regional offices in eastern and western Kentucky, but the Louisville, Lexington, and northern Kentucky offices are fully booked.

•Public communication has been lacking, which results in a bottleneck

of appointments. It’s been unclear who actually needs a REAL ID, and who may not.

•Regional offices are only open one Saturday a month, despite lawmakers urging expanded days and hours. States like New Jersey have expanded hours, but Kentucky has not prioritized problem-solving efforts to maximize our time between now and May 7.

•Staff shortages and morale problems at licensing centers continue to delay services. Please be kind to staff when you visit these offices and events.

Similar patterns of delay, seen during the unemployment insurance backlog and ongoing permitting issues, have been a recurring trend. The Governor provides weekly updates, but has unfortunately not dedicated time in the past several months to raising awareness on this topic.

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## •WINNERS

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Elementary School	County High School	Ninth grade: Branham Stilts, Metcalfe County High School
Fifth grade: Lydia Strode, Hiseville Elementary School	<b>Local Essay winners:</b> Second grade: John Clayton Lee, Tompkinsville Elementary School	11th grade: Claire Myatt, Monroe County High School
11th grade: Alana Houchens, Barren		

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Green Taylor Water District (“District”) plans to file with the Public Service Commission on or before May 1, 2025 to adjust certain non-recurring charges. The proposed effective date is June 2, 2025. The proposed changes are as follows:

Non-Recurring Charges	Existing	Proposed	\$ Change	% Change
Returned Check Charge	\$10.00	\$12.00	\$2.00	20%
Deposit	\$40.00	\$100.00	\$60.00	150%
Field Collection Charge	N/A	\$16.80	N/A	N/A
Connection/Turn-On Charge	N/A	\$16.80	N/A	N/A
Damage to Meter Setting or Lid	N/A	Actual Cost	N/A	N/A
Tap on Charge	\$750.00	\$1,000.00	\$250.00	33%

- **Currently, Green-Taylor Water District assesses a \$1.50 fee for credit/debit card transactions. Green-Taylor Water District is proposing to change its tariff to state the following: “When a customer makes a payment by credit card or debit card, the processor (not the District) will assess a convenience fee for providing this service. Prior to processing the transaction, the customer will be informed of the fee amount.” The amount of the convenience fee assessed by the processor will be actual cost.”**
- **Green-Taylor Water District’s customers mail in their meter readings monthly. Green-Taylor is requesting as part of its leak adjustment policy that to be eligible for a leak adjustment the customer must submit actual monthly meter readings to the District so that the customers adjustment is based on actual usage and not estimated readings.**
- **Green-Taylor Water District is proposing to change delinquent penalty from the 20th day of the month following the month of water usage to the 15th day of the month following the month of water usage.**
- **Green-Taylor Water District is proposing to change the disconnect date for nonpayment from the 15th day of the month following the month the bill is received to payment must be received by end of business day on the 20th day of the month following the month of water usage or customer will be subject to disconnect on the 21st.**
- **Green-Taylor Water District proposes to add ACH-Bank Draft/Automatic policy to its tariff. Where the customer can elect to have their bill paid by bank draft to the District at no charge to the customer. The ACH-Bank Draft will be withdrawn on the 10 of each month.**

Any person may examine this tariff filing at the District office located at 250 Industrial Park Road, Greensburg, KY 42743; telephone (270) 932 4947.

Any person may examine this tariff filing at the PSC located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm or on the PSC website at <http://psc.ky.gov>; telephone (502) 564-3940.

Any person may submit comments regarding this tariff filing by mail to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, KY 40602; or through its website at <http://psc.ky.gov>.

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by the District, but the PSC may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates contained in this notice.

Any person may submit a timely written request for intervention by mail to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, KY 40602. The request for intervention must establish the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party.

If the PSC does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the initial publication or mailing of notice, the PSC may take final action on the tariff filing.

Did you know?

The average engagement length is 15 months

Getting engaged is a momentous occasion worthy of celebration. However, soon after the question is popped, people in the couple’s lives tend to start asking when the big day might be. Newly engaged couples may feel pressured to rush into setting a wedding date, but enjoying one’s engagement for however long it may last is an option for brides and grooms. Some couples want to run to the altar in a month, while others are happy to stay engaged indefinitely. The Knot, a trusted wedding resource, surveyed nearly 170,000 American couples in 2024 to gauge how long most were waiting to wed. The Knot 2025 Real Weddings Study found that the average engagement length is 15 months. This number has held steady since 2022. Event Source in Canada says the average engagement length for couples in Canada also is 15 months. In general, couples across North America are waiting just over a year to tie the knot