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Friendly Senior Center, it will provide enhanced services, including:

- Resource navigation: Assisting veterans in accessing benefits and services.
 - Specialized programs: Connecting veterans with mental and physical health programs, financial guidance and opportunities for social connections.
 - Community outreach: Building partnerships with veteran organizations to broaden resources and raise awareness of veterans' contributions.
- "The Kentucky Department of Veteran Affairs is working to make it easier for veterans to get the answers and the documents that they need," Tucker said, "and this is one way for them to do that."

Tucker and county aging coordinator Carsten Tindle recently completed a specialized training program focused on enhancing awareness of veterans' unique needs, as well as expanding resources and programs to support veterans.

"The training was offered by the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs to introduce us to their processes and procedures," Tucker said. "They gave us their contact information, we gained access to the referral forms that they're using, and they showed us their process-

es. It was basically making that initial connection with us and them to be able to streamline that process for us and veterans."

The senior center is reaching out to local veterans organizations, including the American Legion, VFW and AmVets, to help spread awareness of the services, resources and supports now available.

Tucker said earning the certification is an important way to honor those who have served the United States.

"Veterans have given so much to our nation," Tucker said, "and this achievement reflects our commitment to giving back to veterans through meaningful support and resources."

The initiative was made possible through collaboration with the Cabinet for Health and Human Services, the Kentucky Department for Aging and Independent Living, the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs and the Green River Area Development District.

Tucker said the certification is part of the senior center's ongoing mission to enrich lives and create welcoming spaces for all seniors in the community.

"The senior center is committed to serving the senior community," he said, "and we want to add anything that would help those seniors with issues they may have."

Veterans and their families can call the senior center at 270-687-4640 to learn more about available services.

Officials announce new Friday After 5 season

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MESSENGER-INQUIRER

Promising a major lineup of party bands and rising artists, local officials announced the summer "Friday After 5" free music concert series Monday at McConnell Plaza downtown.

The 11-week summer event, which begins May 16, will feature music on stages in McConnell Plaza and in Smothers Park. The series will begin with a classic Owensboro band, the Velvet Bombers, and will wind up the last two Fridays with performances by national artists Ashland Craft and Will Moseley.

"It's going to be a huge season," Friday After 5 chairman Brad Howton told the small audience during Monday's announcement. "We think it's going to be the best ever."

The series will run every Friday night, except for July 4, from May 16 to Aug. 1. The title sponsor is Jagoe Homes.

"It's going to be fun; it's going to be family and it's going to be free," Jagoe Homes co-owner Scott Jagoe said.

The event goes beyond most local entertainment, officials said.

"We as a city certainly see Friday After 5 as an invaluable piece of what makes Owensboro a (tourist) destination," said Tim Ross, city public



Alan Warren, Messenger-Inquirer

Heath Eric, Eric Group's CEO, gives the rundown of bands playing this season during the 2025 Season Reveal for Friday After 5 on Monday at the McConnell Plaza.

events coordinator.

Meanwhile, Claud Bacon, president and CEO of the Greater Owensboro Economic Development Corp., said the concerts "are more than just fun. They are a driving force in our community."

"It brings visibility to our region, supports small business and helps attract the kind of talent we are looking for," Bacon said.

The events will begin each Friday evening at 5 p.m. with the street fair, followed by music on the Overlook Stage in Smothers Park at 6 p.m. Music on the McConnell Plaza main stage will begin at 7 p.m.

This year's schedule is:

- May 16: Velvet Bombers (McConnell Plaza); Roulette (Overlook).

- May 23: The "Ikons of Rock" tribute show, with Snake Oil, '90s Rock Circus and Leathers & Lace (McConnell Plaza); Annabelle Whitledge (Overlook).
- May 30: Bonepony (McConnell Plaza); Baret Band (Overlook).
- June 6: The Jack Wharff Band with Hayley Payne (McConnell Plaza); Flat Stanley (Overlook).
- June 13: Caribou, with Music Studios Beat the Heat Dance Camp & The Music Federation (McConnell Plaza); Descent (Overlook).
- June 20: Cam Thompson with DJ Shay (McConnell Plaza); Dueling Guitars (Overlook).
- June 27: The Entice Band (McConnell Plaza); Zach Jennings Band (Overlook).
- July 11: The

Crashers, with Lindsey James Williams (McConnell Plaza); Dispel (Overlook).

- July 18: The Juice Box Band (McConnell Plaza); The Sorrels (Overlook).
- July 25: Ashland Craft with Dan Hall (McConnell Plaza); U-Turn (Overlook).
- Aug. 1: Will Moseley with The Southern Sirens (McConnell Plaza); Andrea Rich and Busted Flat (Overlook).

Additional principal sponsors for this year's season are Romain Subaru, Romain Cadillac, Owensboro Racing & Gaming, Atmos Energy and Kroger. Community partners are Owensboro Municipal Utilities, Owensboro Health, Sammy Auto Wash, Mudd's Furniture Showrooms, Rhoads & Rhoads, Mizkan, Iron Jungle Family Fitness, River Valley Behavioral Health and ATA.

"Quality of life is what it's all about, and everybody here is doing their part to make our quality of life stronger," said Candance Castlen Brake, president and CEO of the Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce.

Howton said officials were anticipating a big season.

"We are going to set records this year," Howton said.

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.



Con-GRAD-ulations!

The official graduation program for McLean County High School will publish in the paper on May 22nd & be given out at the graduation ceremony!

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