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Uncommon Sense

By Dr. Glenn Mollette



Biden's Cancer: Don't Settle for a Whitehouse Doctor

The recent announcement about former President Joe Biden having terminal prostate cancer is mind-blowing. It was announced that the cancer is in his bones, so yes, it's terminal. He might live a couple of years depending on how far it has progressed. This week, I have been wondering if the cancer is already in his brain and if it has been there for a while. How long will it be before we know the truth? Will we ever know the complete truth?

Biden having stage four prostate cancer is just crazy. We recently heard on national news that it has been 14 years since Biden had his last PSA test, which is typically done every year on any man who has a physical. If the doctor doesn't order a PSA test on any man over 50 then he should have his medical license revoked. We are talking about the President of the United States who supposedly has access to the finest medical care in the world. In reality he must have had an idiot looking out for him. Or, did Joe know he had cancer early in his term as President and everyone agreed to keep it quiet?

Biden's condition grew worse throughout his Presidency. He wasn't great when he was doing all his campaigning from the basement. In his last two years, he became increasingly difficult to understand and he couldn't answer questions on the spot. He had to be given questions in advance. We saw it all play out on national television. Let's please pray for Biden. He is a very sick man.

Shame on the White House medical team for not taking care of the President. Shame on Jill Biden. Why would a wife allow her husband to try to keep doing what he was not able to do. Shame on Chuck Schumer and Nancy Pelosi, Bernie Sanders and every Democrat who

tried to fool the American public. They did not fool anyone. Prostate cancer can be treated and cured if caught early. A PSA test each year will identify a rising PSA number. Typically, any number over four will warrant a prostate biopsy. Biopsies are not fun but they are much better than terminal cancer. A biopsy will determine if there is any malignancy in the prostate. If a malignancy is found early on then there will be choices to make. There are various treatments such as radiation seed implants, cyber knife, proton therapy, radiation therapy, freezing the cancer or surgery to remove the prostate. However, if you wait and delay treatment then the cancer will eventually escape the prostate and end up in your bones and other parts of your body. Then, it is just a matter of time before you die.

An oncologist may do hormone injections and radiation to buy you some time. That's what "managing" the cancer is, buying you a little time, very little time.

Again, pray for Joe Biden. Also, men, get your PSA test every year. Even if you are over 75, insist on it. A dear friend of mine died from prostate cancer at age 80. He was diagnosed at age 77. His doctor was passive and kept saying, "We'll watch it." They watched it for sure. They watched it kill my friend. If they had done PSA tests earlier, they could have caught it and treated the cancer.

If your doctor says, "We don't do tests like that after 70 or 75, then find a different doctor. What's the point of going to the doctor at age 70 or 80 if their attitude is "You're too old to treat. We will just let you die." Be proactive. Don't settle for a doctor like the White House doctor who allowed the President to become terminal.

Letters



KY. SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR SAYS FEDERAL CUTS WILL HURT CHILDREN

To the Editor: From the vast western plains to the rolling hills of eastern Kentucky, we are united by our core values: a strong work ethic, a commitment to our neighbors, and the resilience to build a brighter future for the next generation. However, we face a shared challenge—the rising cost of living that burdens our communities.

We can overcome these obstacles, but first, we must unite against the threats to our most vulnerable children from Washington, D.C. The new administration aims to dismantle the U.S. Department of Education, jeopardizing the over \$1 billion in federal grants Kentucky receives annually. Cuts to this funding would have devastating consequences for our students, especially the \$182 million allocated for special education, which supports services for students with disabilities and provides preschool access for our youngest learners.

An even greater threat looms over Title I federal funds, crucial for aiding economically disadvantaged children in low-income areas. In July 2023, the House Appropriations Committee voted to cut Title I funding by 25%, risking a \$100 million impact statewide and significant staff reductions in vital teaching positions. The committee also proposed eliminating Title III funding, which helps students who speak English as a second language.

Kentucky recently made strides in raising teacher pay, fostering an environment where qualified educators can thrive. However, proposed cuts of \$42 million from Title IIA funding would undermine this progress, harming both current teachers and the new teacher pipeline.

Medicaid also faces drastic cuts, with the House Energy and Commerce Committee tasked with reducing \$880 billion—primarily from this program, which funds health care for low-income children, seniors, and student health services.

Over the past two years, Kentucky's parents, teachers, community members, business leaders, and the General Assembly have rallied to invest in public education. Now, the potential loss of federal education and Medicaid funding puts all our hard work at risk.

I urge all Kentuckians to contact their Congressional leader today to oppose these critical funding cuts. Our students should not bear the burden of these decisions.

Dr. Rhonda Caldwell,
Chief Executive Officer,
KY Association of School Administrators

A PRAYER FOR GIVING

Lord, give me eyes that I might see the work that can be done by me, God give me ears that I might hear, the cry of those who need me near. God give me lips that I might speak, comfort and peace to all who seek. God give me hands that I might do some large or simple task for you and this one thing, all else above, God give me a heart that I might love. (Submitted by Alpha Clevenger)

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DO YOU HAVE AN OPINION?

The Wolfe County News welcomes your comments about current events in the form of letters to the editor. Letters must be signed and include the writer's address and phone number for verification. Letters to the Editor should be brief and to the point, no more than 500 words. The News reserves the right to edit (or reject) all letters submitted for publication. Letters should be mailed to: The Wolfe County News P.O. Box. 129 Campton, Ky. 41301 Opinions expressed in letters to the editor or guest editorials are not necessarily those of the publisher.

Capitol Update

Interim joint committee meetings begin in June

FRANKFORT, Ky. (May 27, 2025) — The first week of committee meetings of the 2025 interim period begins June 3 for Kentucky lawmakers.

An interim joint committee is composed of all members of a Senate standing committee and all members of a House standing committee. Interim joint committees meet between sessions as a subcommittee of the Legislative Research Commission. Statutory and special committees may also meet during the interim period.

For the full 2025 interim calendar, visit <https://legislature.ky.gov/Documents/CurrentInterimCalendar.pdf>. Please note, the calendar is subject to change.

Unless otherwise indicated on the calendar, most interim joint, statutory and special committee meetings are scheduled to take place in the Capitol Annex building in Frankfort.

Livestreams of the committee meetings will be provided by Kentucky Educational Television (KET) and the Legislative Research Commission.

For links to the livestreams, go to <https://legislature.ky.gov/PublicServices/PIO/Pages/Live-Streams.aspx>.

Each week, the legislative calendar on the Legislative Research Commission website will be updated with information on which committees are meeting for the week. The calendar is available at <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/LegislativeCalendar>.

For more information on interim joint committees, visit <https://legislature.ky.gov/Committees/interim-joint-committee>.

For more information on statutory committees, visit <https://legislature.ky.gov/Committees/statutory-committee>.

For more information on special committees, visit <https://legislature.ky.gov/Committees/special-committee>.

To view materials such as info sheets, handouts and PowerPoint presentations that are compiled for lawmakers to review at committee meetings, click on the "Meeting Materials" tab on the left side of each committee's page. Meeting

agendas are also posted on this page.

To share feedback on an issue with lawmakers, call the General Assembly's Message Line at 1-800-372-7181. Kentuckians with hearing loss can use Kentucky Relay by dialing 7-1-1.

To directly reach a lawmaker's office, call 502-564-8100. An operator will transfer the call to the office of the lawmaker you want to reach.

If you have a question about the lawmaking process or legislative resources, the LRC Public Information can be reached by calling 502-564-8100 ext. 59105.

Have A News Item To Report? A Meeting to Announce? Call Us - 668-3595 or 743-3551 email: wolfenew@mrtc.com

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Request for Qualifications for Engineering/Design/Construction Services

The Wolfe County Tourism Commission is soliciting qualifications from consulting engineering/design/construction professionals for engineering/design/construction services on the Wolfe County Park Pickleball Court at Wolfe County Community Park located in Campton Kentucky. The proposed location for the Wolfe County Park Pickleball Court is an old tennis court that was renovated into a skate park. The existing space is oriented in a NNE-SSW directionality, it is approximately 120ft long x 106ft wide along that orientation and is surrounded by its original chain-link fence.

The Wolfe County Tourism Commission is seeking the technical assistance of a qualified consulting firm to assist them in the design and construction, including observation of qualified contractors. This project may take a phased approach to implementation based on available funding. Wolfe County Tourism Commission anticipates using a blended funding stream for this project and is seeking federal and state funding in addition to private funds.

The scope of work should include among other critical items:

- A 'Tournament Play' surface with all lines, sections, netting and boundary demarcations
- Five (5) individual courts for individuals at play
- A resting or waiting area for individuals not at play
- Removal of existing skate park equipment
- Removal of existing fencing
- Installation of fencing and gates to facilitate operations and maintenance
- Lighting for night-time play

Designs shall comply with US Pickleball Association regulations and standards on surface materials, boundary demarcations and court dimensions. Refer to the US Pickleball Association website for more information. (<https://usapickleball.org/what-is-pickleball/official-rules/>) The Design shall comply with all American Disabilities Act (ADA) and all other relevant state and federal regulations.

Minimum requirements include:

- Previous experience on similar projects
- Insurance coverage for all project aspects
- Provide warranty of work in written or bond form

All interested parties and firms should contact the Wolfe County Tourism Commission by one of the following means to obtain and information packet and/or schedule site visits:

In-person: 16 Court St, Campton, Kentucky (Mondays and Tuesdays by appointment)
Via USPS: PO Box 429 Campton Kentucky 41301
Email: Tourism@WolfeCountyKY.com
Phone: (606) 668-7979

Respondents should submit their statement in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Wolfe County Tourism Commission – Engineering/Design/Construction Services – Wolfe County Park Pickleball Court Project" no later than 4:00 p.m. on **June 27, 2025**.

Submittals should be made to Kevin Gurtowski, Executive Director, Wolfe County Tourism Commission, PO Box 429 Campton, Kentucky, 41301.

The Wolfe County Tourism Commission reserves the right to reject any or all qualifications not meeting the requirements of this Request for Qualifications for Consulting Engineering/Design/Construction Services.

Kentucky Relay Service for the hearing and speech impaired: 1-800-648-6056.

Attention is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed under the contract, Section 3, Segregated Facility, Section 109, Title VI, Section 504 and EO 11246.

Local, minority, and female owned firms are particularly encouraged to participate.

Interested firms must be registered with SAM.gov and be active with no active exclusions.

The Wolfe County Tourism Commission is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Click It or Ticket campaign in effect through June 1st

By Tom Latek
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky., May 12 – Kentuckians are reminded to buckle up and properly secure children in car or booster seats to keep themselves safe throughout the year and during the "Click It or Ticket" campaign, which runs May 12 to June 1 and includes the Memorial Day holiday.

"It only takes two seconds to fasten your seat belt, and those two seconds could save your life," said Gov. Andy Beshear. "We want everyone to buckle up, every trip. Let's look out for one another and make sure we all get to where we're going and come back home, safely."

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's (KYTC) Office of Highway Safety (KOHs) is joining law enforcement around the state and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in the annual federally funded high-visibility seat belt enforcement effort.

According to the KOHS, of the 707 roadway deaths last year in Kentucky, 471 were killed in motor vehicle crashes, and 47% of them (220) were either not wearing a seat belt or were not properly restrained in a car seat or booster seat. Nine of the 471 deaths were children ages 9 and younger. One of the nine was improperly restrained.

"Wearing a seat belt is the simplest, most effective way to protect yourself and the people you care about," stated Trans-

portation Secretary Jim Gray. "Buckling up should be second nature – every time, every ride. It's a small action that makes a big difference."

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