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IN THE MATTER OF:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF GREEN)
RIVER SOLAR LLC FOR A CERTIFICATE OF)
CONSTRUCTION FOR AN APPROXIMATELY)
200 MEGAWATT MERCHANT ELECTRIC) Case No. 2020-00387
SOLAR GENERATING FACILITY IN)
BRECKENRIDGE AND MEADE COUNTY,)
KENTUCKY, PURSUANT TO KRS 278.700)
AND 807 KAR 5:110)

GREEN RIVER SOLAR LLC'S
NOTICE OF FILING

Comes now Green River Solar LLC, by counsel, pursuant to the Commission's January 7, 2021 Order, and does hereby give notice of its filing of the attached: (1) Notice of Public Meeting which was recently published in the *Meade County Messenger* and the *Breckinridge Herald-News*; and (2) the attached invitation to property owners that was mailed on February 18, 2021.

Done this 23rd day of February, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,



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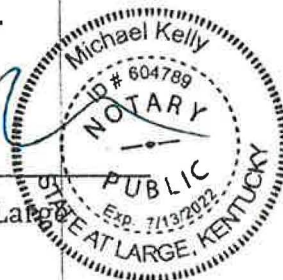
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County of Meade

I, a Notary Public for the State at Large, do hereby certify that the foregoing Affidavit was this the 22 day of February, 2021 produced before me in the State and County aforesaid, and was signed, acknowledged, delivered, and sworn to by Tracy Whitaker of the Meade County Messenger to be his/her free act and deed.

[Signature]

Notary Public State At Large



07-13-2022

My Commission Expires

AGRICULTURE

Hard Surfaces Can Help Reduce Mud



ANDY MILLS

If you have been farming in Kentucky for any length of time, you know the winter weather can make your farm quite muddy. Feeding livestock during the winter or moving equipment over unfrozen, wet ground can exacerbate the amount of mud on the farm.

Mud is not good for several reasons. It can cause topsoil erosion and increase soil compaction. Livestock that have to walk through mud require more feed for energy but actually eat and drink less because they expel so much energy getting to feed and water. Therefore, mud reduces daily average gains. Mud on animal's coats makes it harder for them to regulate their body temperature—increasing the amount of energy they need to generate heat for warmth in the winter and cool themselves in the summer. For horses, mud can increase the risk of slipping and falling and can make walking or standing difficult.

Fortunately, you can reduce the amount of mud on your farm by installing hard traffic pads on areas of your farm that tend to get the most traffic. You have many choices for materials to use for heavy-use pads. Some of these include concrete, plastic traffic grid and geotextile fabric and rock. The material you use depends on many factors, including material availability, installation costs and the size of your operation.

With the exception of horses which require softer surfaces, concrete pads are by far the strongest, easiest to clean and lowest maintenance material for most livestock producers to use. Concrete pads should be placed in areas that receive

heavy animal traffic, such as around waterers, adjacent to feed bunks, in holding areas and near gates. While the installation costs of concrete pads may be higher than other materials, you are going to save money in the long term, because you reduce the amount of wasted feed and get better gains on your livestock.

The thickness of the pad will depend on the type of livestock you have, stocking density and whether the area also gets a lot of equipment traffic. Areas with livestock traffic require a pad that is at least 4 inches thick placed on several inches of gravel. Trucks, tractors and other heavy equipment need concrete pads at least 5 to 6 inches thick.

A hilltop or sloped surface is often the best location for a hard surface pad, as they tend to be away from most waterways and will allow nearby vegetation to filter stormwater runoff. Make sure the location also drains away from feed bunkers, waterers and roads.

Concrete pads need to have a solid foundation to be successful. Prepare the site by removing topsoil until you reach soil that is easily compacted and make sure the area is level. Use at least 6 inches of compacted dense grade aggregate to provide a solid base for a concrete pad. Inadequate foundation preparation can cause a concrete pad to fail or freeze or damage water pipes.

Horse owners should similarly pre-

pare their sites but should construct their pads using geotextile fabrics followed by 6-inch layer of crushed limestone and finished with 2-to-3 inches of dense grade aggregate. Create a more durable surface by compacting the dense grade aggregate using a small, smooth-drum roller like those used for asphalt projects.

More information about installing hard surfaces on your farm is available in the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service publications AEN 115: Appropriate all-weather surfaces for livestock and ID-164: High traffic area pads for horses. They are available online at <http://www2.ca.uky.edu/agcomm/pubs/aen/aen115/aen115.pdf> and <http://www2.ca.uky.edu/agcomm/pubs/id164/id164.pdf> or you can get a hard copy from the Meade County Extension Office.

For more information on frost seeding contact Meade County Cooperative Extension Service or visit the UK Forage Extension Website.

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Meade County cornfields projected to sprout solar panels in 2022

CHAD HOBBS
Messenger Staff

As reported in October of last year, two solar farms will soon have homes in Meade County, if approved. One site, located about 4 miles west of Flaherty between Big Springs Road and Stith Valley Road, will be close to 400 acres spread across three different farms. The other site, located along the Highway 79 corridor of Meade and Breckinridge Counties, will be close to 1,500 acres spread across multiple farms from Midway to Irvington. Though the construction of the two solar farms will both be for the purpose of selling energy harvested from the sun, the agendas of the two separate companies which are heading up each project appear to be quite different.

The site outside Flaherty is known as Meade County Solar and is being developed by Community Energy based out of Radnor, PA. This development plans to have an output of 40 megawatts of energy which will be sold exclusively to Big Rivers Electric Corporation. It is projected to produce 91 million kilowatt-hours of electricity per year which is equal to 85 percent of the electric consumption for all households in Meade County, according to Community Energy.

The site along the HWY 79 corridor will



be known as Green River Solar. It was originally being developed by Oser, but now appears to be under Merino Solar as the "Project Company" which was formed in April of 2020 "as a special purpose entity to own and develop the project" according to paperwork filed in the Clerk's office. Both companies are under the Orion Renewable Energy Group out of Oakland, CA. This site will be a 200 megawatt facility, but its energy appears to be possibly destined for the Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO). NIPSCO filed a petition to the Indian Utility Regulatory Commission on Dec. 23, 2020 for approval to buy 100 percent of the energy generated by what will be known as Green River Solar.

The developers of both sites are working their way through the final requirements and approvals they must complete to begin work on the sites. They both appear to be shooting for construction to begin sometime in 2022 and have the sites online, producing electricity, by late 2022 or early 2023.

So why Meade County? This is a ques-

tion many citizens have been asking in what has become a controversial topic in some corners of the county. Some like change, some don't. Some support renewable energy as a necessity to combat climate change. Some see solar panels as an unsustainable, land gobbling tax loophole that can never meet the demands of an energy devouring juggernaut such as the United States. Will they pollute our water table? Will they drive up or drive down property values? Who's going to ultimately pay for these projects? Will it be passed on to the citizens of Meade County? Will electric rates drop?

There have been many questions raised over these two solar projects. In the coming weeks, this investigative series will provide answers to those questions and many more revolving around the solar panels that will soon be popping up in cornfields around southern and western Meade County. Next week: Is the same company that cost Meade County farmers a grain elevator now costing them farm land too? Is green energy costing farmers greenbacks or offering them options?

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700-800	105.00-125.00	400-500	128.00-151.00
		500-600	119.00-147.00
Yearling Heifers			
600-700	90.00-119.50	Heifer Calves	
700-800	70.00-112.00	300-400	93.00-149.00
		400-500	102.00-146.00
		500-600	93.00-127.00
Steer Calves			
250-400	105.00-175.00	Feeder Bulls	
400-500	102.00-168.00	400-600	102.00-168.00
600-800	95.00-121.00	600-800	95.00-121.00

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Virtual Open House for Green River Solar

Please mark your calendars to attend a virtual open house on Thursday, Feb. 23 to learn more about our Meade County project proposed by Green River Solar, LLC in partnership with NextEra Energy Services, LLC for Meade and Breckinridge Counties. Reservations are invited to get the call to be held on Zoom and discuss the proposed project. For additional information, visit www.GreenRiverSolar.com.

Tuesday, Feb. 23
6 p.m. Central / 7 p.m. Eastern

Join the meeting by clicking Dial In (top) or 1-866-907-9884 and click to join the NextEra Energy call. To join the meeting online, open your web browser and type in: <https://services.northeast.com/links/greenriver.html>

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UK to host irrigation workshop Feb. 18



A UK research project explores the effects of variable rate irrigation on a Princeton producer's farm.

Submitted article

The University of Kentucky will host an irrigation workshop at 9 a.m. CST Feb. 18 on the videoconferencing platform Zoom. The workshop is sponsored by Kentucky Farm Bureau.

During the workshop, UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment specialists will provide an update on their irrigation research projects. Matt Dixon, meteorologist with the UK Ag Weather Center will discuss instances when irrigation is needed in Kentucky, based on historical weather events.

Only a small percent-

age of Kentucky grain producers regularly irrigate their crops, but many producers are interested in irrigation due to its potential benefits. Irrigation can keep crops from becoming stressed during dry periods, and it can help producers use the correct amount of inputs and may help those inputs remain in the field.

"Even though Kentucky receives a large amount of rainfall each year, it does not always receive the right rate or timing for crops," said Chad Lee, director of the UK Grain and Forage Center of Excellence. "Properly timing irrigation is a challenge, but when done

well, farmers can receive maximum yields with minimal additional water."

Preregistration is required. To register, visit <https://bit.ly/2ZawGqH>. Participants will receive a link to connect to the meeting.

Certified Crop Advisors can receive two hours of continuing education in soil and water management.

The virtual event will occur regardless of weather. Organizers will share presentations on YouTube following the workshop.

Contact:

Chad Lee, chad.lee@uky.edu; Colette Laurent, colette.laurent@uky.edu

Upcoming classes

JENNIFER BRIDGE

Even though we are unable at this time to do in-person classes, we are teaching by Via Zoom and Facebook. Below is a list of our upcoming classes. Please Join Us!! Can't watch a presentation live! You can always watch later. Feel free email me with questions at jennifer.bridge@uky.edu.

Basic Knife Skills in the Kitchen - Wednesday, February 24, 11 a.m. - via Zoom
Join us for an interactive session on commonly used cuts for meal preparation, different types of knives, sharpening and safety. Sign up is required then a list of needed supplies and a zoom link will be sent to you. Deadline to register is February 23.

Ask the Agent - Friday, February 26, 11 a.m.
Jennifer Bridge, Meade County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences will be live via the Meade County Family and Consumer Sciences Facebook page to answer questions you might have related to FCS.

Using a Cooking Blender and Instant Pot/Cooker -

Wednesday, March 3, 11 a.m. via Facebook Live, Meade County Family and Consumer Sciences Facebook page

Tune in as Jennifer Bridge discusses different types of cooking blenders and instant cookers.

She will also demonstrate a couple recipes and answer questions you might have about these handy meal prep appliances.

Using an Air Fryer, Thursday, March 4 - 11 a.m. via Facebook Live, Meade County Family and Consumer Sciences Facebook page

The air fryer is continuing to increase its popularity in many kitchens. Find out more about this valuable kitchen tool and how to use it to make meal prep easier.

Cook Together Eat Together Series
March 9, 16, 23, 30, April, 6, 13, 20, 27, 4 p.m. via Zoom
Designed for a parent child hands on cook-

ing experience, this program will cover a variety of topics related to family meal prep and dining. Registration is required and is limited to 15 families so if interested register early! A link and materials for each session will be emailed weekly before each class. Those who complete five of eight classes are eligible for a Cook Together Eat Together Cookbook.

Some classes do require pre-registration. Contact the Extension Office at 270-422-4958.

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Jennifer Bridge
Meade County Extension Office

Gardeners will have loads of opportunities to improve their know-how

ANDY MILLS

Kentucky homeowners who want to up their game in vegetable or landscape gardening will have a lot of opportunities in the coming months. The University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service is offering a variety of free webinars that people can join from their home computers or smart phones.

"Last year we had a record number of home gardens being put out and a lot of new gardeners because of the pandemic," said Philip Konopka, agriculture and natural resources extension agent in Lewis County. "That was a natural response, and that was a good response. There are a lot of benefits to gardening besides feeding your family: stress relief, a feeling of accomplishment."

Konopka and UK horticulture extension professor Richard Durham, have organized the webinar series The Unexpected Pleasure of Gardening, which will begin Feb. 25 and continue on the following two Thursdays. The three sessions will cover the bones of home vegetable gardening and novel vegetable varieties on Feb. 25, small fruit production such as blueberries and strawberries in the home landscape on March 4 and suggestions for annual and perennial flowers

suitable to the Kentucky landscape, as well as their care on March 11. Each 90-minute session will begin at 6:30 p.m. ET.

To sign up for the free series, register at the local county Cooperative Extension office. Registrants will receive a link to join the webinar on Zoom.

The free Horticulture Webinar Wednesdays, which were begun last year in response to the pandemic, continue on Zoom each Wednesday at a new time, 12:30 p.m. ET/11:30 p.m. CT. The weekly 15- to 20-minute sessions are taught by UK extension specialists and horticulture agents and cover a variety of topics that will be of interest to the keepers of large or small gardens or landscapes, no matter their expertise level.

Season Two topics for February and March include pruning apple trees, pruning brambles, new plants for a new year, starter fertilizer and lawn establishment, building a self-watering raised bed, and rain gardens.

Those interested

in joining the webinars should register for one or more of the sessions at <https://tinyurl.com/UKYHortWebWed21>.

The first season is now available for viewing at <https://kentuckyhortnews.com/horticulture-webinar-wednesdays/season-one/>.

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To join the meeting by phone, Dial in (toll-free), 1-866-807-9684 and ask for the NextEra Energy call center. To join the meeting online, open your web browser and type in: <https://services.nexteracall.com/links/greeneriver2.html>

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I certify that the advertisement Resources Ad for Nextera Energy is a true copy of the said notice and was published in The Breckinridge Herald-News on 2/17/21.

The Breckinridge Herald-News

By Angelia Wheatley

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18 WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2021 **SPORTS** THE HERALD-NEWS

Cloverport Independent School Celebrates Senior Basketball Players, Cheerleaders



Ashton Finkle



Malay Sharp



Damon Parks



Lady Hoffmeyer



Olivia Weatherhalt

CISD Wall of Honor

By Brian Weatherhalt



Front row: Lash Grimes, Mitchell Miller, Patrick Shyrum, Olivia Weatherhalt, Lash Hunter Bennett, Brian Weatherhalt. Back row: Curtis Rowdy Price, Jim Smedley, Darven Mathews, Larry Powers, Bryan Robinson, Ross Smith.

Yesterday Feb. 11, the Cloverport Independent School Wall of Honor was unveiled. Ten Hall of Fame members and 12,160 proud fans gathered to witness the ceremony. A celebration was held for the induction followed by a banquet before the girls and boys games that day.

The Hall of Fame inductees were selected by a committee made up of current Cloverport School Board members and current students.

The 1,000th inductee is a true hero and legend in our

community. He is a great coach and a great man. There were many great talks, songs and signs that were made at the ceremony and we enjoyed the event.

We, all the members of the school, had a great time and we are proud to have had this event in our school. We would like to thank all who attended and hope this year of the school and proud to announce the start of the Wall of Honor.

Grimes Paces Lady Tigers in Blowout Win Against Whitesville Trinity

By Jonathan Bennett • The Herald-News

The Whitesville County Lady Tigers basketball team (Herald) in Whitesville Tuesday, Feb. 16 and they won the Lady Tigers of Trinity High School through-out, winning with a 24-26 victory.

Grimes (14-1) jumped out to an early 17-4 lead after one quarter of play and never looked back. The Lady Tigers outscored their host in the second quarter and led 30-11 at half time.

Grimes, who leads a list in Whitesville County since 2010, led off the game in the second half and closed the rest of the day. The Lady Tigers outscored the Lady Tigers 20-15 in the third quarter and were outscored by Trinity 6-0 in the fourth quarter.

Grimes finished with three games in fourth quarter. Grimes led all scorers with 22 points. Grimes had a 7-point three-point range and a perfect 2-2 from the free-throw line. Angela Miller scored 16 points and grabbed 7 rebounds. Macher made 4 three-pointers. Sydney Tucker dropped in 15 points. Cassidy McDonald scored 11 points. Lily Chandler had 2 points and a team high 6 rebounds. Hannah Herring and Skyler Yoder dropped in 2 points each.

Grimes shot 47% (12/25) from the field, 50% (4/8) from behind the three-point line and made 10 of 10 free throws for 40%. The Lady Tigers finished with 17 steals and scored 25 points off of 18 Whitesville Trinity turnovers.

Discover Breckinridge County Magazine on Stands March 10

NextEra Energy

Virtual Public Meeting for Green River Solar

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JOIN MEETING BY PHONE:

Dial in (toll-free): 1-866-807-9684

JOIN MEETING ONLINE: <https://services.choruscall.com/links/greenriver2.html>

QUESTIONS: If you have questions in advance of the meeting, please e-mail them to: GreenRiverSolar@nexteraenergy.com



You're invited to attend a "virtual" public meeting to learn more about the proposed Green River Solar project on Thursday, March 4 at 6 p.m. Central / 7 p.m. Eastern.

Two easy options for joining the meeting:

1. By phone *(line opens 15 minutes early)*

- Call 1-866-807-9684
- Ask to "join the NextEra Energy call"

2. Online *(allows you to view presentation)*

- Open your web browser
- Type in: <https://services.choruscall.com/links/greenriver2.html>
- Fill out contact information
- Click on the "Join Webcast" link

Meeting agenda:

6/7 p.m. - *Welcome*

6:10/7:10 p.m. - *Project update*

6:35/7:35 p.m. - *Q&A session*