

Forecast improves, tornado watch issued for others

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A severe storm including possible damaging winds, large hail, tornadoes and flash flooding was expected to hit Western Kentucky Wednesday, according to the National Weather Service.

Multiple Western Kentucky counties along with areas in Illinois, Missouri and Tennessee were under a moderate risk for severe weather in the NWS' Wednesday severe weather outlook. The moderate risk zone is the second highest risk zone in the NWS' severe weather outlook.

A tornado watch was issued for Ballard, Caldwell, Calloway, Carlisle, Christian, Crittenden, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Hopkins, Livingston, Lyon, Marshall, McCracken, Muhlenberg, Todd and Trigg counties, according to the NWS. The watch was in effect until at least 5 p.m. CST.

Potential impacts from the storms are damage to homes, vehicles, trees, power lines and injuries to those caught outside in a storm, according to the NWS.

Western Kentucky University announced it was closing all of its campuses at noon CST in preparation for the storms.

LEXINGTON HAS NO DAMAGE FROM OVERNIGHT STORMS

A strong storm hit Lexington in the early morning hours Wednesday. No damage was reported but the LG&E & KU power outage map showed 19 outages affecting 205 customers as of 1 p.m. Wednesday.

There previously was an outage in the Versailles Road area near the Blue Grass Airport but power in the area has since been restored. The Blue Grass Airport's flight status board showed all flights are running on time.

Gov. Andy Beshear said no injuries were reported from Tuesday's storms.

"I'm thankful for our first responders, who helped keep everyone safe," Beshear said in a post on X.

On Tuesday night, WKYT meteorologist Chris Bailey reported a possible tornado near Natural Bridge State Park, but the NWS has not confirmed a touchdown. He later posted

ed pictures on social media of trees down in the area.

Beshear confirmed there were several downed trees at Natural Bridge State Park but it is still operational.

Lexington was under a slight risk of severe weather for Wednesday. Hazards included heavy rainfall, thunderstorms and hail, but forecasters didn't rule out the chances of a severe storm.

Virtually all of Kentucky, including Lexington, was under a flood watch through Thursday morning. The NWS said flooding from the excessive rainfall is possible in areas near rivers, creeks, streams and other low-lying and flood-prone locations.

The northeastern parts of Fayette County received over an inch of rain between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. Wednesday, according to the NWS.

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Obituaries

Alan Joel Leavitt March 22, 1936 - May 6, 2024

Lexington, Kentucky - Alan Joel Leavitt, 88, well known Standardbred breeder, passed away May 6th. Alan was a graduate of Andover Academy and Harvard University. He served as a director of the U.S.T.A., the Hambletonian Society and as a member of the Kentucky Racing Commission. In 2008 he was elected to the Harness Racing Living Hall of Fame. He was a recipient of the USWA President's award and the Proximity award for achievement. Alan is survived by his wife, Margaret and his three children, Josephine, Harris, and David Leavitt. Services will be private. www.milwardfuneral.com

Court may enter debate over care for trans youth

Los Angeles Times

The Supreme Court may be on the verge of deciding whether to jump into the national debate over medical treatment for transgender youths.

As soon as Thursday justices may vote behind closed doors on whether to grant an appeal that seeks to block a new Ten-

nessee law prohibiting medical treatments that enable a "minor to identify with, or live as, a purported identity inconsistent with the minor's sex."

They have been in no hurry to act, however, and it's possible they will put off the issue again.

At stake is the fate of a wave of new state laws in the South and Midwest that bar transgender teens and their parents from obtaining puberty blockers and other hormones prescribed by a doctor.

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Dr. Marian Ann Swope September 6, 1947 - May 5, 2024



Lexington, Kentucky - Dr. Marian Ann Swope, 76, passed away May 5, 2024. She worked for over 35 years for the University of Kentucky. Visitation 6 - 8 PM Fri. May 10th and Sat. 10 - 11 AM. A Funeral Mass will be 11:15 AM on Sat., May 11, 2024, at St. Peter Claver Catholic Church, 485 W. Fourth St., Lexington, KY 40508.



Gregory Elam August 17, 1953 - May 4, 2024



Lancaster, Kentucky - Gregory "Tim" Elam, 70, of Lancaster, passed away May 4, 2024 at Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center. He was born on August 17, 1953 in Hamilton, Ohio to the late Charles and Daisy Elam. Tim worked for Trane in Lexington for many years. He loved the outdoors, camping and shooting targets. He also enjoyed inventing and building. Most of all, he was a wonderful father and Papaw. He is survived by his two daughters, Lisa Crowe (Jerry) of Lexington and Kristy Hughes (Steve) of Lancaster; loving companion of many years, Jean Crowley; grandchildren, Austin Lamb of Richmond, Hunter Lamb of Richmond, and Sarah Hughes of Louisville; three step-grandchildren, and multiple great-grandchildren. Tim is preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Vaughn Elam. Funeral services will be 1pm Thursday, May 9, 2024 at Spurlin Funeral Home with Bro. Jonathan Grizzell officiating. Burial will follow in Danville Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be from 11am until time of service on Thursday. Pallbearers will be Steve Hughes, Jerry Crowe, Austin Lamb, Joey Beckelhymer, David Hill, and Travis Mills. www.spurlinfuneralhome.com

James Walters September 9, 1941 - May 5, 2024

Winchester, Kentucky - James Walters, 82, widower of Nancy M Perry Walters, passed away Sunday, May 5, 2024. He was born September 9, 1941 to the late Arthur and Nettie Lanter Walters in Harrison Co., KY. He worked for the Scott Co. Sherrifs office for five years and retired from Yellow Freight & Trucking Co. James is survived by his children: Jimmy Dean Walters (Linda Matthews), Lisa Anderson (Fred), Leslie Kenner (Dennis); grandchildren: Wade T. Anderson (Megan), Billy Tom Sargent (Katie); great-grandson, Hayden Anderson; step-children: Vincent Isaacs (Jennifer) and David Brush (Talia); step-grandchildren; Seth, Kieran, Kaelan, Ila M., Jasper, Amira and Everett Brush, Gabrielle Lankford and Michaela Isaacs, and step great-grandchild, Jameson Lankford; brothers: Arthur Walters (Freda), Bobby Walters; sister, Josephine White (Woody). Special neighbors of James, Kenneth and Jean Henry and Todd Faulconer. In addition to his parents he is preceded in death by a brother, Melvin Walters. His service will be on Saturday, May 11, at 1:00 pm at Rolan G. Taylor Funeral Home, Winchester with visitation from 11:00 am until the hour of service. Burial in Boonesboro Cemetery, Winchester.



Sarah Cox Dawson March 4, 1958 - May 1, 2024



Lexington, Kentucky - Sarah Cox Dawson, 66, wife of 25 years to Robert "R.R." Dawson, passed away on May 1, 2024. Sarah was born in Versailles, KY, on March 4, 1958, to Miriam Tutt Cox of Versailles and the late James Robert Cox Jr. Sarah graduated from Woodford County High School. She then went on to get a degree from Western University in 1979, where she was on the tennis team. Sarah was an instructor for high-performance driving with both the Porsche Club and the Corvette Club. Sarah worked for I-TEL Corporation for many years as a custom programmer. In addition to her husband and mother, she is survived by, her son Philip Robert "P.R." Gerrow Jr.; Stepdaughter Nancy (Adam) Jones; and sister Lindsey (Rick) Cox.

There will be a private service at a later date. Kerr Brothers Funeral Home - Harrodsburg Rd. is in charge of arrangements.



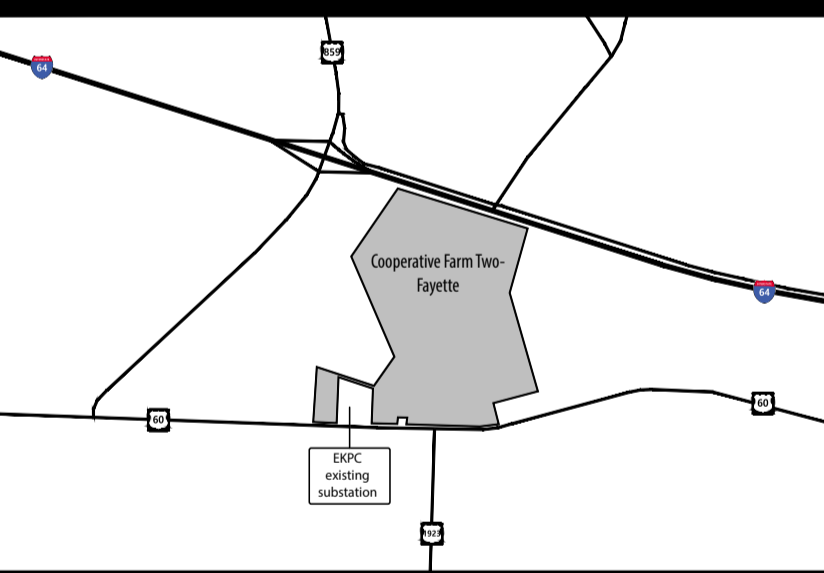
Arthur Bell Stovall October 11, 1922 - May 6, 2024



Wilmore, Kentucky - Arthur Bell Stovall, age 101, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, great-great grandfather & friend passed on May 6, 2024. Art was born on October 11, 1922 in Como, MS, to McKinley Brooks & Mamie Montgomery Stovall. He met & married his young 16 year old bride, Vilva Brown, in 1942 before enlisting in the U.S. Army Air Corps. Art served in the 5th South Pacific Theater in WWII. They raised their daughters in Memphis, TN, & enjoyed taking their girls to watch Art play baseball. He was athletic all of his life & played golf until the age 96. After Art's retirement from Metropolitan Life Insurance, he & Vilva moved to Lexington, KY to be close to their daughters & grandchildren. They were long-time members of Whitehaven United

Methodist (Memphis) & Centenary United Methodist Church (Lexington). Art was involved in Methodist Men's Bible Study, the Masons, & the Kiwanis Club. For 74 years he & Vilva showed how prayer & faith can lead to a life full of joy. The twinkle in his eyes reflected the love he had for his wife, Vilva, children & grandchildren. Arthur is preceded in death by his wife Vilva Brown Stovall of 74 years & Nancy Clayton Stovall of 3 years, his parents, his siblings, and a daughter, Jeanie. Surviving daughters, Terri (Glen) Bagby of Lexington, and Laurie (Al) Lichaa of Tucson, AZ. His grandchildren Randy (Meredith) Hooker, Jan (fiancé Billy Wedgworth) Hooker, Kelly (Heather) McGugan, Kevin (Leah) McGugan, Joe (Holly) Lichaa, Eric (Leigh) Lichaa, Jessica (Wayne Johnson) Lichaa, ten great-grandchildren, & one great-great grandchild. Visitation May 10, 2024 Friday 10:00 am at Clark Legacy Center Brannon Road with service at 11:00 am. A celebration of Art's life will be held at Wesley Village at a later time. Gifts in memory suggested to Wesley Village, Wilmore, KY. Burial in Bluegrass Memorial Gardens, Jessamine County, KY. clarklegacycenter.com

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to learn more about Cooperative Solar Farm Two - Fayette, a planned project to build a solar farm in eastern Fayette County, Ky. along Interstate 64. This 387-acre solar farm will generate 40 megawatts of electricity, enough to serve the annual electricity needs of 4,560 typical Kentucky homes.

A public open house meeting will be held Thursday, May 16, 2024, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the offices of East Kentucky Power Cooperative, 4775 Lexington Road, Winchester, Ky.

This project will help to diversify EKPC's fleet of electric-generating resources, providing a resource to meet growing demand for electricity, especially demand from industrial and commercial users seeking to lower their carbon footprint. This project will help EKPC comply with increasing government regulatory pressure to reduce the carbon intensity of its generation portfolio. This solar project will provide a cost-competitive resource to meet these goals.

For more information about this project, please visit EKPC's web site at www.ekpc.coop



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