

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

**RE: ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF THE BRACKEN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT ("BCWD")
REQUEST FOR PURCHASED WATER ADJUSTMENT**

**BRACKEN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT'S (BCWD'S) NOTICE OF
NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENT/NOTICE PURSUANT TO 807 KAR 5:068,
SECTION 5, PARAGRAH 2**

CASE NUMBER 2025-00315

Comes now the Bracken County Water District, ("BCWD") by and through its attorney and files proof of publication of notice of this case and proposed rates as advertised in the Bracken County News, on October 2, 2025, as evidenced by the attached affidavit of editor, *filed as Exhibit "A" herein*; all pursuant to 807 KAR 5:068, Section 5, Paragraph 2.

Respectfully submitted,

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AFFIDAVIT/CERTIFICATION

I, Amy Meyer, being the secretary of the
Bracken County News, hereby make the following statements as an Affidavit:

1. I, Amy Meyer hereby certify that the attached Notice of the
Bracken County Water District, was advertised in the Bracken County News, on

October 2, 2025.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT,

Amy Meyer, secretary
Signature and Title

Amy Meyer
Print Name

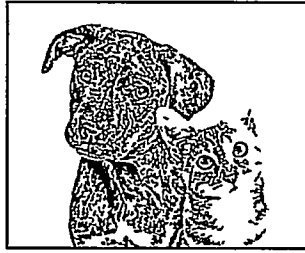
212 Madison St.
Address Brooksville, KY 41004

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
COUNTY OF Bracken

The foregoing Affidavit/Certification was signed, sworn, and acknowledged
before me by, Bracken Co. News, personally known to me or produced
identification this the 15 day of Oct, 2025.

MaKinley Heslin
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE AT LARGE
My Commission Expires: 12/28/27
Notary ID KYNP84040

Reserve a Spot for Free Pet Spay/Neuter Services



The Kentucky CARE-a-van will provide free dog and cat spay and neuter surgeries for pets of Bracken County residents. Dog surgeries will be scheduled on Monday, October 20 and cats will be seen on Tuesday, October 21 at the Bracken County Extension Office, located at 1120 Brooksville-Germantown Road, Brooksville.

Appointments are required. Visit khumano.org/services/hscare-a-van to book an appointment. A deposit of \$35 for dogs and \$25 for cats will be refunded the day of the surgery. Dogs must be 8 weeks to 8 years of age between 2 and 50 lbs. Cats should be at least 8 weeks old and at least 2 lbs.

Soil Conservation Offers Trash Voucher Program

The Bracken County Conservation District is implementing a trash voucher program to help Bracken County landowners and residents clear their property of items not easily discarded. Eligible items are household trash, furniture, mattresses, yard waste or home renovation debris. Unacceptable items are hazardous waste, tires, appliances, electronics and liquid waste. To properly dispose of these, contact the office at 606-735-3256.

Residents can obtain two vouchers per program year, which

will expire on December 31 of the issuing year, and are only valid at the Rumpke-Pendleton County Landfill, located at 1374 Bryan Griffin Road in Builer. Each is good for one truckload or one 8-foot trailer load. The pile must be under 3 foot tall.

To take advantage of this program you must provide proof of ownership or residency (an ID, utility bill, deed, etc.). Apply in person at the Bracken County Soil Conservation Office, 218 Frankfort Street in Brooksville or via email at beconservation@windstream.net.

Chemical Imbalance on Stage at Baker-Bird Winery



The Maysville Children's Theatre proudly announces its upcoming production of *Chemical Imbalance: A Jekyll & Hyde Play* at the Historic Baker-Bird Winery, 4465 Augusta-Chatham Road, Augusta.

Chemical Imbalance is a wickedly funny play that blends gothic atmosphere with sharp wit, exploring the eternal struggle of good versus evil - while keeping audiences laughing at every turn. The production features a talented cast of both adults and kids for an unforgettable evening of theatre.

Adding to the allure, the show will be staged

at the Historic Baker-Bird Winery, a treasured Augusta landmark. Guests will be immersed in an unforgettable experience within the winery's unique and atmospheric setting, with the opportunity to enjoy its celebrated wines before the show.

Show dates are October 4-5, 11-12, and 18-19. All shows start at 5 pm.

Tickets are available online at maysvillechildrenstheatre.com or at the door (subject to availability). Seating is limited, so early ticket purchase is highly encouraged.

KY State Police Announce Traffic Safety Checkpoints

The Kentucky State Police, Dry Ridge Post, which provides coverage for Bracken and surrounding counties, will be conducting periodic traffic safety checkpoints throughout the past area.

These checkpoints will be conducted in an effort to enforce the traffic laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Special attention will be paid to occupant protection (seatbelt adherence), sobriety, insurance, and registration violations. Checkpoint

locations will be set up at:

•KY 10 at KY 19, Powersville and Brooksville

•KY 10 at KY 875, Germantown

•KY 8 at Iler Road

Traffic Safety Checkpoints are a valuable tool used to promote the safety and well-being of the public. All checkpoints will be set up in accordance with state law and in compliance with Kentucky State Police policy and procedure. *submitted*

Rates of Some Cancers Rising Among Younger Adults: What Kentuckians Need to Know

By Dr. Gary Grosel, Chief Medical Officer, UnitedHealthcare of Kentucky

The latest data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention show 35,939 cancer cases were reported in Kentucky in 2022. About 1 in 3 people in the U.S. are affected by cancer and about 2 million new cases of cancer are diagnosed each year. Breast and colorectal cancer diagnoses, in particular, have been on the rise since the mid-2000s, and these cancers are being diagnosed more often at younger ages.

A cancer diagnosis can impact people's lives in many ways. Early cancer detection may play a key role in helping to improve health outcomes and lower health care costs. The five-year survival rate for colorectal cancer when caught in its early stages is over 90%, for example. At the most advanced stages, the five-year survival rate for this type of cancer is 13% and treatment may result in long-term side effects.

So, what can you do to help potentially reduce your cancer risk? Here are three things to consider:

Understand your cancer risk factors. Knowing your risk



factors of developing cancer or other chronic conditions is an important step in helping to protect your health. Some cancer risk factors, like age, genetics and family history, are out of your control. Tell your doctor about your family health history to help determine if you may have a higher risk of developing certain cancers.

Understanding your risk can help you and your doctor decide when to begin certain preventive screenings and diagnostic services that may help detect any issues early when treatment may be more effective. While there's no way to prevent all cancers, there are some lifestyle choices you can make that may support your overall health and potentially help reduce cancer risk as well.

Choose a healthier lifestyle

In the United States at least 18% of cancers are related to excess

body weight, physical inactivity, alcohol consumption, and poor nutrition, according to the American Cancer Society. There are some lifestyle modifications people can make that may result in better overall health and reduced risk for cancer and other chronic conditions.

Eat a balanced diet. Focus on vegetables, fruits, whole grains and lean protein. A healthy diet can help to support your overall well-being. In fact, research shows that people who eat a "Mediterranean diet" have a lower risk of breast cancer, for example.

Prioritize movement and maintain a healthy weight. Regular exercise is good for your overall health and physical activity has been shown to help reduce the risk of certain types of cancer.

Limit alcohol consumption and avoid tobacco and smoking. Alcohol abuse is linked to some types of cancer like those of the oral cavity, esophagus, and liver. Smoking can increase the risk of developing many types of cancer including colon and lung cancers. Chewing tobacco is also linked to cancer, especially head and neck cancers. Kentuckians and

cancer screenings In Kentucky, 69 percent of women ages 40-74 report receiving a mammogram in the past two years, while 64 percent of people ages 45-75 report receiving one or more of the recommended colorectal cancer screening tests within the recommended time intervals.

Keeping up with doctor visits, preventive screenings and diagnostic services can be an important part of overall health. Remember to schedule your annual wellness exam and preventive screenings. Health plans usually cover preventive care, and you may pay \$0 out-of-pocket for certain covered preventive services if you go to a network provider.

Talk to your employer and health plan. Check with your employer and health plan to see what benefits are available to help support your health and well-being. Timely diagnoses may improve health outcomes and help with medical expenses, especially when it comes to cancer. Screenings may include physical exams, lab tests, and imaging, many of which are used in cancer detection and may be covered by health plans.

Taking proactive steps to protect your health today may help you reduce the risk of cancer and other chronic conditions tomorrow.

Equipment Available for Beekeepers

The Bracken County Conservation District has beekeeping equipment available for local beekeepers. The items available are Oxy Vap, uncapping tools (scraper, knife with forks and

roller), extractor, uncapping tub, strainers and bottling buckets.

For information call 606-735-3256.



NOTICE OF KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF WHOLESALE WATER PURCHASE RATE INCREASE BY BRACKEN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

All customers of the Bracken County Water District ("BCWD"), which serves most of Bracken County, and parts of Harrison County, Pendleton County, and Mason County, Kentucky, PLEASE TAKE NOTICE OF THE FOLLOWING: BCWD, only distributes water it purchases, wherein, BCWD purchases water from the City of Augusta, Kentucky and Western Mason Water District. The City of Augusta was approved by KY PSC, as evidenced in KY PSC Case No. 2024-00349, www.psc.ky.gov, by Order dated September 18, 2025, to begin charging \$3.10 per 1000 (which includes reimbursement for City of Augusta hired rate attorneys that exceed \$100,000.00), from the prior rate of \$2.56 per 1000 gallons, a \$0.74 per 1000 gallon increase or a 0.313559322% wholesale water rate increase; and BCWD is filing an application with KY PSC to approve new rates, based upon the approved City of Augusta wholesale rate increase, to its customers.

Therefore, pursuant to resolution and approved motion for a rate pass through adjustment for the BCWD to pass this rate increase along to its customers, all pursuant to KRS 278 & 807 KAR 5:068, BCWD will begin charging \$0.77 purchased water adjustment per 1,000 gallons on a minimum bill purchased and/or used for each of its customers and \$0.000773899 per gallon, beginning October 10, 2025.

BCWD pursuant to 807 KAR 5:068, puts its residential, commercial and wholesale customers on notice, that it is requesting to raise its current rates pursuant to a wholesale water rate purchase increase adjustment, wherein, the current rate is reflected in the chart with the new proposed rate and percentage of increase as follows:

First 2,000 gallons: current rate is \$33.13 (minimum bill); new rate \$34.67 (rate increase of \$1.54); an increase of 0.0464835497 percent (%).

Next 38,000 gallons: current rate is \$0.01265 per gallon; new rate \$0.013423899 per gallons, an increase of \$0.000773899 per gallon; an increase of 0.061177866 percent (%).

Over 40,000 gallons: current rate is \$0.01004 per gallon; new rate of \$0.010813898 per gallon; an increase of \$0.000773899 per gallon; an increase of 0.0770815737 percent (%).

Wholesale Rate: current rate is \$0.00482 per gallon, new rate of \$0.005593899, an increase of \$0.000773899 per gallon, an increase of 0.01605599585 percent (%).

Bulk Sales: current rate is \$0.01150 per gallon, new rate of \$0.012273899, an increase of \$0.000773899 per gallon, an increase of 0.0672955621 percent (%).

Pursuant to notice requirements of 807 KAR 5:068, the dollar amount of change and the percentage of change for each classification is stated in the prior current rates and proposed rates. The average wholesale sales to East Pendleton would increase @ \$1,000.00 a year; and City of Brooksville's wholesale rate would on @16,500,000 gallons per year, would increase approximately \$12,210.00 a year.

The Kentucky Public Service Commission must approve the pass through rate, and the rate case will be reviewed by the Kentucky Public Service Commission, in Case No. 2025-00315.

THIS RATE DOES NOT REFLECT ANY PASS THROUGH FEES IMPOSED BY COUNTY GOVERNMENTS SUCH AS TAXES, FEES, 911 SURCHARGES, ETC.

The total pass through rate adjustment equates to 77 cents (\$0.77) per one thousand gallons sold on a minimum bill (\$1.54, increase on minimum bill of 2,000 gallons), or \$0.00773899 per gallon.

This rate increase, if approved by KY PSC, will begin October 10, 2025 meter reading period, which will be billed on or about November 11, 2025 for the period of October 10-November 9. The proposed pass through would impose on an approximate average residential and/or commercial (non-wholesale) user who uses 4,400 gallons, (the approximate median use for BCWD, users), an increase of \$3.39 per month; i.e., the monthly bill would go from @ \$63.49 to \$66.88, if approved.

A copy of the resolution of the Bracken County Water District, requesting the pass through rate increase and a copy of the petition for request for approval of the pass through rate/purchased water adjustment increase to the Kentucky Public Service Commission, can be obtained by request to the office staff of the Bracken County Water District during normal business hours and days of operation, which is located at 1324 Brooksville-Germantown Road, Brooksville, Kentucky, 41004, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and a person may examine the application at BCWD's office location during normal business hours; Additionally, a copy of the requested wholesale water purchase adjustment application can be examined at the Kentucky Public Service Commission's office, located at 211 Sover Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through their website at <http://psc.ky.gov>; 807 KAR 5:068, Section 5, (4)(e)(f), Case No. 2025-00315.