



**WKYT-TV**

**Lexington, KY**

**FCC ISSUES & PROGRAMS REPORT**

**For quarter beginning July 1, 2022**

Attached hereto are descriptions of issue-responsive programming broadcast by this station during the reporting period.

The listed programs aired on the station during the reporting period on the days and times indicated. Each program regularly provides information or addresses current issues of concern to viewers in the area where the station is located.

## **WKYT QUARTERLY LIST OF PROGRAMMING PROVIDING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES**

**July 1, 2022 – September 30, 2022 / Third Quarter**

The following issues were identified as significant and were addressed by WKYT-TV in order to serve the community and act in the public interest as set forth by the Federal Communications Commission.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** – includes efforts to enhance the community and promote increased pride, such as fundraising for various programs, revitalizing neighborhoods, volunteerism, etc.

**CRIME & LAW ENFORCEMENT** – includes crime prevention, police conduct, fire safety, etc.

**CULTURAL** – includes development of the arts in the community, also reflects ways of life in the community.

**ECONOMY** – includes local issues, job opportunities and the state of the economy, etc.

**EDUCATION** – includes education standards, school safety, efforts to keep up with growth in the area, budget matters, etc.

**ENVIRONMENT** - includes matters relating to soil, air, water, climate, and pollution in the community.

**GOVERNMENT** – includes state, county, and local political issues/events, profiles and headlines regarding political leaders and newsmakers, governmental corruption, etc. Also includes federal government issues.

**HEALTHCARE** – includes health education and awareness, wellness and fitness, healthcare for the elderly, etc.

**HUMAN INTEREST** – includes stories that make a difference in the Lexington community, features Central Kentuckians doing unique things that spark our viewers' interest.

**SOCIAL SERVICES** – includes programs or events that promote the growth of individuals, benefit low income or special needs families, and non-profit organizations that focus on helping with health and financial issues, etc.

SPORTS – While sports may be at the back of mind for some in our area, college community and college sports contribute to the community economically and culturally.

WEATHER – includes stories that address both nice and severe weather in the Central Kentucky communities and includes ways national and worldwide weather impacts our community.

**DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAMS PROVIDING MOST SIGNIFICANT  
TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>
WKYT This Morning	Monday-Friday	4:30-7:00AM
Everyday Kentucky	Monday-Friday	9:00-10:00AM

WKYT Mid-Morning	Monday-Friday	10:00-11:00AM
WKYT News at Noon	Monday-Friday	12:00-12:30PM
WKYT News at 4PM	Monday-Friday	4:00-5:00PM
WKYT News at 5PM	Monday-Friday	5:00-6:00PM
WKYT News at 6PM	Monday-Saturday	6:00-6:30PM
WKYT News at 10PM	Monday-Sunday	10:00-11:00PM
WKYT News at 11PM	Monday-Sunday	11:00-11:30PM
WKYT This Morning at 6AM	Saturday	6:00-8:00AM
WKYT This Morning at 7AM	Sunday	7:00-9:00AM
WKYT News at 6:30PM	Sunday	6:30-7:00PM

All of the above programs are locally produced news programs presenting a mix of news, weather, sports and issue-related feature stories and segments.

Listed below are regularly scheduled programming addressing specific areas of interest:

Kentucky Newsmakers                      Sunday                      6:00-6:30AM

Kentucky Newsmakers is a locally produced news interview and discussion program featuring local, regional, and national government officials and other news-worthy guests and/or reporters from the media in a discussion of one or more issues-of topical interest.

Face the Nation                              Sunday                              10:30-11:30AM

Produced weekly by CBS, a collection of newsmakers from around the nation, politicians, business leaders and journalists face tough questions regarding the top news stories of the day.

60 Minutes                                      Sunday                                      7:00-8:00PM

Produced weekly by CBS, hosts present a series of in-depth personal interviews, profiles of important people in the news, hard-hitting investigative reports and featured segments.

**WKYT-TV Quarterly Issues report  
July 1, 2022 –September 30, 2022**

**PROGRAMS PROVIDING MOST SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF  
COMMUNITY ISSUES**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Includes efforts to enhance the community and promote increased pride, such as fundraising for various programs, revitalizing neighborhoods, volunteerism, etc.

PROGRAM: WKYT News at 11PM  
DATE AIRED: August 13, 2022  
TIME & DURATION: 11:03PM / 1:19 segment  
PROGRAM SUMMARY: On the side of a building in Lexington, love notes to eastern Kentucky were written in chalk. This was a way for people to show their support for the flood victims. Anne Livengood with Kentucky for Kentucky said when devastation occurs, it effects so many people. "We fight and stand up for Kentucky and Kentuckians." She said, "We have family and loved ones from all over the state, so anytime something like this happens it really rocks our whole team." Livengood along with her fellow employee Toni Cannon said West Sixth Brewing came to them with this idea. Both, along with Sav's Chill, will be donating all their proceeds to the Eastern Kentucky Mutual Fund. Cannon said, "Anytime we can get something like this together, where we have people coming and acting as a community to help the other community in Eastern Kentucky, I think that's directly impactful." Some people at the event used to call Eastern Kentucky home. Now that they live in Lexington, they said they're grateful for the support. One person at the event, Kaitlin Patterson, said she works overnight shifts where she works, so she doesn't get to help as much as she would like to. "I've just been trying to help out in any way I can," Patterson said. "It's easy to come have a drink, listen to music, and support." There was live music at the event, and people from the community gathered around the bands to listen. People hosting the event said it's important to help whenever you can, but they still have a long way to go. They said they were thrilled to see so many people come out and support. <https://www.wkyt.com/2022/08/14/lexington-fundraiser-proceeds-going-eastern-kentucky-flood-relief/>

PROGRAM: WKYT News at 11:00PM  
DATE AIRED: September 7, 2022  
TIME & DURATION: 11:14PM / 3:06 segment  
PROGRAM SUMMARY: Would you like to try and win a new home while helping out a great cause? This year's St. Jude Dream Home in Lexington is coming along and there is still time for you to buy a ticket for a chance to win the beautiful home being built in Hamburg. When it comes to every dollar donated, it ensures even more lifesaving work can be done at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. For 60 years St. Jude has been leading the way in helping to understand, treat and defeat childhood cancer and other diseases. Founder Danny Thomas envisioned a hospital where no family would ever receive a bill for treatment and that remains the case today. St. Jude has become a lifeline to countless families, including in Kentucky, looking for treatment that might otherwise be out of reach for them. "It really is one of the happiest, most hopeful children's hospitals that I have ever been in," said Dr. Jennifer Harman, a Pediatric Psychologist at St. Jude. At St. Jude the focus is always on the whole patient, that means treating the cancer, but also addressing the anxiety and fear

that can come with it. Donations are the lifeblood of St. Jude, and it's what makes the work there possible. That's where this year's Lexington Dream Home Giveaway comes in. For every ticket sold, it is another dollar in support of St. Jude and its mission of making sure children not only survive cancer but thrive long after. "Every dollar, every penny counts. It is so important to help make sure that we are able to continue the groundbreaking research that we do here and that we are able to continue top of the line treatment of the whole patient," said Dr. Harman. St. Jude has helped push the overall childhood cancer survival rate from 20% to more than 80%. The drawing for the Lexington dream home is October 13, 2022. The earlier you buy your ticket, the more prizes you are eligible to win. Tickets are \$100 each. Open houses for the St. Jude Dream home begin September 17. <https://www.wkyt.com/2022/09/08/lexington-dream-home-nearing-completion-still-time-buy-ticket/>

**PROGRAM:** WKYT News at 6PM  
**DATE AIRED:** September 12, 2022  
**TIME & DURATION:** 6:15PM / 1:42 segment  
**PROGRAM SUMMARY:** A benefit concert to help Kentuckians affected by flooding will be held in Lexington. "Kentucky Rising" will be held at Rupp Arena on October 11. Organized in response to the devastating flooding in the Kentucky region earlier this summer, the event will feature performances by Chris Stapleton, Dwight Yoakam and Tyler Childers. "Rupp has been an institution in the community for a long time and it's just time to give back," Rupp Arena marketing director Stephanie Bork said. Tickets go on sale this Friday, September 16. 100% of net proceeds from the concert will benefit the "Kentucky Rising Fund" to support flood relief work and recovery efforts in Eastern Kentucky; including support for the many victims, their families and first responders. Under guidance from the Blue Grass Community Foundation, the "Kentucky Rising Fund" will strategically support both immediate needs and long-term recovery projects as they emerge. "We knew when something hit so close to home that we wanted to join up with some hometown fellas and provide a concert and an event that people will want to go to for a good cause," Bork said. Details can be found at [KentuckyRising.com](https://www.wkyt.com/2022/09/12/big-names-perform-rupp-arena-benefit-concert-eky-flood-victims/).  
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### **CRIME & LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Includes crime prevention, police conduct, fire safety, etc.

**PROGRAM:** WKYT News at 11PM  
**DATE AIRED:** June 29, 2022  
**TIME & DURATION:** 11:06PM / 2:22 segment  
**PROGRAM SUMMARY:** Lexington city leaders are addressing concerns of violence, especially reported shootings, in downtown. Mayor Linda Gorton and Police Chief Lawrence Weathers announced a series of changes Wednesday to enhance safety and patrols near the Fifth-Third Pavilion, including adding lighting

around Tandy Park, changing up patrols, changing hours at Tandy Park, and even some businesses doing the same. Calling it a top priority, Gorton is focusing on safety concerns of downtown. "People need to know downtown is safe. I go downtown for things. Even after dark," Gorton said. But a series of incidents including shootings near downtown restaurants and bars has some people thinking otherwise. "I'd say the crime down here, especially by the pavilion is pretty crazy. There's been way too many shootings. There was one by Belle's last month. There was one what, last week?" said Anthony Volk, who works in valet downtown. Weathers sat down with WKYT for a taping of Kentucky Newsmakers where he talked about the violence, and the changes the city is implementing. "We use police presence, which the sheriff is helping us with that. We also have an unbelievable amount of cooperation from the business owners. I don't know if that happens in every city. But we should be proud of that," Weathers said. Last year Mayor Gorton started the downtown safety work group. It's made of city leaders and business owners that addresses ongoing concerns and security. "A lot of the things that they have talked about are lighting in the park, lighting in the pavilion, both of which we're going to be doing. Numbers of police officers down there, we've actually increased the number who are down there, and we also have deputy sheriffs. And some of the bars on their own have started closing early," Gorton said. But opponents of the plan say the plans aren't enough, and looking for businesses to close early should not be an option. "Specifically with this proposal, I have concerns about the burden being placed on the businesses for their own protection. Asking them to shorten their hours or come out of pocket for more patrols from the sheriff's office. That's unacceptable," mayoral candidate David Kloiber said. Mayor Gorton said a lot of rumors, or inaccuracies, about the violence are leading to an unsafe reputation for the city and said she has been downtown after dark herself. Kloiber feels the opposite, saying it is becoming less and less safe every day. You can watch Bill's full interview with Chief Weathers this Sunday at 11:30 a.m. ET on WKYT. <https://www.wkyt.com/2022/08/17/lexington-police-chief-talks-wkyt-about-downtown-violence/>

PROGRAM: WKYT News at 6:00PM  
DATE AIRED: September 7, 2022  
TIME & DURATION: 6:02PM / 2:03 segment  
PROGRAM SUMMARY: Law enforcement agencies across the country are feeling the pinch from staff shortages. Now, some retirees are returning to the job. Kentucky State Police said two recent retirees will once again be serving their community. The trooper "R" program allows retired members of state police who retired with at least 20 years of service and haven't been gone longer than five years to return and serve their community, and this time around, retirement and other benefits won't be taken out of their check. "It's really nice to have them come back like Capt. Surber said, the knowledge and experience they have is irreplaceable. That's 20, 20+ years of service they've had. The things they've learned and everything that they've done throughout the 20 years of service, that carries over," said Trooper Michael Coleman, a public affairs officer with KSP.

KSP Post 9 in Pikeville will be welcoming back two of their own. Trooper Ronald Peppi and Trooper Shaun Little both left with the rank of sergeant in 2019 and 2020 respectively. The pair live in Floyd County and are ready to patrol their streets once again. "The recent tragedy in Floyd County and the flooding here in eastern Kentucky, seeing the people are out here and they need help. When you have a calling and you feel like you're that person, it's hard to sit by and not do anything," Coleman said. Post Surber said the two will serve as mentors for the newer troopers and fill some much-needed manpower back in the community. "These were guys, when I first started state police they were here, you kind of looked up to them. Then just to be able to see them come back and be able to use that knowledge and go to them for guidance, it's a good feeling to know that you're in good hands when you're talking to them," Coleman said. The two are contracted employees already out patrolling the streets. Trooper Little formerly served as the public affairs officer for Post 9. <https://www.wkyt.com/2022/09/07/retired-state-troopers-suiting-back-up-serve-their-communities/>

**PROGRAM:** WKYT News at 6:00PM  
**DATE AIRED:** September 6, 2022  
**TIME & DURATION:** 6:02PM / 1:54 segment  
**PROGRAM SUMMARY:** A new tool for the Lexington Police Department appears to be paying off. The city says the installation is complete for 25 flock cameras, which are used to help track down stolen vehicles, missing people or cars involved in a crime. "The system has been used to make arrests on felonious assaults within an hour. Before the investigators really ever get involved which is awesome, which is great. What we want to see is the patrol officers taking the initiative and finding the people and putting them in jail," Lexington police Commander Matthew Greathouse said. In recent years, interagency sharing of information and technology has become vital in fighting crime. "We actually had a homicide suspect that came from just north of Cincinnati, they saw we had cameras. They contacted us. We weren't sharing with them at the time, but we did," Greathouse said. "They were able to search the database and see that that vehicle that was used in the commission of a murder the day before, was then seen in our community the next day and we were actually able to find that person the next day in a hotel." When the program was first announced, there were concerns about privacy and targeting information. Greathouse said they've conducted audits and have found no inaccuracies. "It's really hard to get in there and abuse the system because you're just looking at pictures. You're just looking at the rear end of a vehicle with a tag number, that's really it," Greathouse said. He said this pilot program is the beginning of building a network of protection within the community. "You pretty much won't be able to go anywhere and commit a crime without being seen somewhere by a camera," Greathouse said. He said they aren't designed to deter crime necessarily, but more so used to solve crimes. They've already been able to recover 73 stolen vehicles, which allowed about \$1.2 million of assets to



be returned to the community. <https://www.wkyt.com/2022/09/06/flock-cameras-appear-be-paying-off-according-lexington-police/>

### **CULTURAL**

Includes development of the arts in the community, also reflects ways of life in the community.

**PROGRAM:** WKYT News at Noon  
**DATE AIRED:** August 18, 2022  
**TIME & DURATION:** 12:07PM / 1:28 segment  
**PROGRAM SUMMARY:** Lexington is getting more money to help fight overdoses. Overdose deaths have been on the rise in Lexington since the start of the pandemic, and this money will help fund prevention efforts and put life-saving equipment in your pocket. The new \$2 million grant will continue work that's already being done to cut down on overdose deaths in Lexington, which is work that officials say is desperately needed. "We worked really hard to reduce overdose deaths by about 40% and then COVID hit, and people became more isolated and people who maybe weren't using drugs anymore started using drugs again," said John Moses, a harm reduction services team leader with the health department. "And unfortunately, in the last two years we've seen more overdose deaths than we've ever seen here in Fayette County." Officials said an initial round of funding for these programs was set to expire in September, but now with the funding secured, the city can continue to push programs to connect, and help addicts. Programs such as the Fire Department's "Leave Behind Program," where first responders follow up with overdose survivors as a way of building that relationship and showing care. Officials said \$1 million of the funding will also go to the Fayette County Health Department. Moses said that money will go entirely to buying doses of Naloxone which is the generic version of Narcan. "EMS, police, fire, they're usually the first responders and it's certainly important for them to have it, but as a community member it's important for me to have it," Moses said. Moses said the Naloxone they're distributing are reversing overdoses and saving lives. The \$2 million will come in over the next four years to help fund these operations. Health department officials said now that Narcan isn't the only overdose treatment out there, the price per pack of Naloxone is significantly cheaper, meaning this money will buy more kits over the next four years. <https://www.wkyt.com/2022/08/18/city-lexington-receives-2-million-grant-fight-overdoses/>

**PROGRAM:** WKYT News at 6PM  
**DATE AIRED:** August 20, 2022  
**TIME & DURATION:** 6:44PM / Web Story  
**PROGRAM SUMMARY:** The Woodland Art Fair has been around for more than 40 years but many attended for the first time this year. "This is our first year at Woodland and it's going swimmingly," said Bressler Wade. Bressler Wade and his fiancé came to Woodland to sell their handmade goods, which they make out of handwoven fabric. They brought one of their looms to the fair to show people

how their fabric are made. “Right now I’m weaving some scrunchies as a demonstration. It shows the process just right in your face, there’s no confusing it,” said Wade. The fair is an opportunity for art-lovers to come together and shop for some new pieces. Denis Breed Love came to the fair from Richmond with his wife and children. “We love art. I’ve been in art all my life. My wife has been in art. The kids are getting into art,” said Love. For many, art brings them back to their childhood. “When I was growing up, my grandparents lived on a farm and so we would go visit. I have so many good memories from that so I think that’s where a lot of this comes from,” said Texas-based artist Terri Vogl. Vogl has loved art her whole life but it wasn’t until she turned 50 that she decided to give it a real shot. “I think I would’ve otherwise been a super old lady with a lot of regrets, wondering ‘could I have done that?’ So I’m very glad that I took the chance,” said Vogl. <https://www.wkyt.com/2022/08/20/woodland-art-fair-returns-lexington/>

PROGRAM: WKYT News at 11PM  
DATE AIRED: September 9, 2022  
TIME & DURATION: 11:07PM / 2:10 segment

PROGRAM SUMMARY: For the first time since 2019, the Roots and Heritage Festival is putting its roots back down in Lexington. The decades-long tradition celebrates diversity in our area, and brings a weekend of entertainment to the city’s east end. “We started this in 1989 and we were one little bitty block and now we’ve taken over from Fourth Street all the way to Short Street,” Festival Chair Kimberly Baird said. Baird said the festival’s growth encapsulates its importance as a both celebration of, and an education on, Lexington’s diversity. “It’s just a joyous occasion not just for Black Lexington, but for everybody,” festival goer Shon Willis said. “When you’re in school you have to learn about different cultures. That’s why you come here as well,” Baird said. But for the past two years, the pandemic took away what Baird and others had built. While attendees are excited that the festival has returned, Baird said it nearly didn’t happen for the third straight year, and the potential cancellation had nothing to do with COVID. “My day job is I’m a prosecutor so I see what’s going on in the city...” Baird said. Baird is well aware of the city’s struggle to control gun violence, but she wouldn’t let that get in the way of this weekend. “I thought, I can’t let this festival be held hostage by some people who can’t conform to behavior, to the law,” Baird said. She said over 33 years, there has never been a major issue. It’s a testament to the spirit of the event—a soulful, peaceful spirit they hope will carry on through the rest of the weekend. “There’s been a lot of violence here recently but this is the time where we can put that aside and come together as one,” Baird said. Baird said they will have an increased security presence throughout the area to ensure the safety of everyone in attendance. <https://www.wkyt.com/2022/09/10/roots-heritage-festival-returns-lexington/>

## **SOCIAL SERVICES**

Includes programs or events that promote the growth of individuals, benefit low income or special needs families, and non-profit organizations that focus on helping with health and financial issues, etc.

PROGRAM: WKYT News at 5:30PM  
DATE AIRED: August 12, 2022  
TIME & DURATION: 5:01PM / 2:04PM  
PROGRAM SUMMARY: More help is on the way for eastern Kentucky. Big time donors are pouring in more than a million dollars' worth of food and water to those impacted by the devastating floods. About a dozen major food corporations from across the country are giving away meats and vegetables to God's Pantry Food Bank in Lexington, totaling one million pounds. "Central and eastern Kentucky food insecurity is 15.5%. There are counties in eastern Kentucky that are at 25%. One in four people who are facing food insecurity are experiencing hunger, imagine what the numbers are now given the flood," God's Pantry Food Bank CEO Michael Halligan said. Halligan said more than 30 semi tractor trailer loads from companies like Kroger, Nestle, Tyson Foods, Food Lion and many other companies in the food industry have loaded a million pounds of food and water to a warehouse in Lexington headed for eastern Kentucky. "We've actually received some meat protein and some produce and we are finding outlets in the disaster area where that food is working," Halligan said. Still yet, more food is on the way. "We're about halfway through the commitments right now. We will easily exceed two million pounds of disaster response goods before we are done," Halligan said. The goal is to keep reloading trucks bound for the 14 disaster declaration counties of eastern Kentucky. Halligan said he's glad the country hasn't forgotten about the commonwealth. "What I see is the passion for compassion that Kentuckians have and the fact that we are resilient," Halligan said. <https://www.wkyt.com/2022/08/12/gods-pantry-food-bank-loads-1m-pounds-food-water-eastern-ky/>

PROGRAM: WKYT News at 6:00PM  
DATE AIRED: September 6, 2022  
TIME & DURATION: 6:05PM / 2:11 segment  
PROGRAM SUMMARY: The widespread flooding that hit eastern Kentucky took a lot of homes. Some people have been sleeping in tents, even in their cars and vans since the late July flooding. State and federal officials say help is arriving, and even help has poured in from places like Louisiana, who sent 300 travel trailers. One man, Kermit Clemons, is living in a mobile home. Solar power fires up his TV and he's got a cot in the back of his mini-van. This is all because a creek washed away his other home. "I've been living in my van for about a month now, three weeks to a month," Clemons said. He pulls into Perry County Park at night, where little did he know a big announcement about travel trailers, for people like him, was about to take place on Tuesday. "In eastern Kentucky we are strong. I was in a bad place for about a week. But it is part of life. I'm going to get through it," Clemons said. These travel trailers are not designed to be permanent homes, only a temporary housing plan for six months to maybe a

year. Clemons said he doesn't need a big place, and knows a lot of others have it worse than him. "It's not the worst. I'm alive. I got my clothes out of the creek and washed them," Clemons said. And with the current donation of hundreds of trailers from Louisiana, he and many others may soon have better, immediate housing until more permanent homes can be built. Governor Andy Beshear said the travel trailers will be available for about a year, but each recipient will have a case manager to help them through the process. <https://www.wkyt.com/2022/09/06/travel-trailers-delivered-flood-victims-eastern-kentucky/>

PROGRAM: WKYT News at 6:00PM

DATE AIRED: August 17, 2022

TIME & DURATION: 6:13PM / 3:21 segment

PROGRAM SUMMARY: For 60 years, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital has been working to not only treat childhood cancer but defeat it all together. WKYT is teaming up with St. Jude for their dream home give away, and for \$100 you could win a new home. In June WKYT's Amber Philpott traveled to Memphis, Tennessee to visit with St. Jude and to learn more about a facility instilling hope in families dealing with the toughest of situations. It is a house being built with purpose, and a chance to help a facility hundreds of miles away. The soon to be 2,600 square foot home under construction in the Home Place subdivision off Polo Club Boulevard in Hamburg is the eighth St. Jude Dream Home from builder DB Homes. With every wall raised and window installed, it's what the house represents that sets it apart. It's a home with a purpose for a place that people like Bess Atkinson hold dear. "And I used to say I'm homesick for Memphis, I'm homesick for St. Jude, because it is a home, it's family," said Atkinson. Atkinson can't say enough good things about St. Jude. She was a patient there in the 90s, after noticing her clavicle was enlarged when she was 10 years old. "That's when I was diagnosed in January 1994 with Myxoid angioblastoma, which is tumors inside blood vessels inside the bone and I'm 1 and 10 cases all over the world," said Atkinson. Atkinson and her family could have received treatment up north where they lived, but instead they came to St. Jude and now at 39 years old, owes her life to the hospital. "We found out later on after I came down to St. Jude and went through treatment that I had over 30 tumors all over my body. So, if it wasn't for St. Jude, I probably would not be here to talk about it to this day or I would be in a wheelchair and not be able to live my life to fullest now," said Atkinson. "The mission here at St. Jude is about treating and ending childhood cancer, but it's also about inspiring patients and it's something that goes with them long after they leave here," said Amber Philpott. Many times former patients like Atkinson and others find their way back to St. Jude, not for treatment, but instead to work and give others like them hope. Emily Hines' life was saved at St. Jude, to her it was only fitting she return here to work and help spread the mission. "I get to tell stories and that's my favorite thing, like I'm sitting here with you today telling my story, but the best thing about my job is that I get to make sure other patients have their stories heard too because I think we are all incredibly unique," said Hines. Every day there is life-saving work being done

within the walls of St. Jude and it's why the walls of this dream home in Lexington are so important. With every dollar raised, this house with a purpose helps to continue the mission of a hospital prescribing hope daily. "It's really hard to find heroes nowadays, St. Jude is always my hero I could always look at them and see a hero in St. Jude," said Atkinson. The drawing for the Lexington dream home is October 13, 2022, and we will have updates on the house over the next several weeks. <https://www.wkyt.com/2022/08/17/dream-home-giveaway-former-st-jude-patients-talk-about-life-saving-hospital/>

## **ECONOMY**

Includes local issues, job opportunities and the state of the economy, etc.

PROGRAM: WKYT News at 10PM  
DATE AIRED: July 28, 2022  
TIME & DURATION: 10:00PM / 13:07 segment  
PROGRAM SUMMARY: The death toll continues to rise in connection with the devastating flooding in eastern Kentucky. Governor Andy Beshear confirmed to WKYT that there are eight deaths: We know of two in Perry County, one in Knott County, and one in Clay County. Beshear said there are several people are also unaccounted for. The death toll is expected to reach double digits. The governor said 30 people have been airlifted out of flooded areas so far, and that number is growing. Multiple counties are dealing with the aftermath of severe flash flooding. The National Weather Service declared flood emergencies and warned of life-threatening flash floods. The Governor has declared a state of emergency for the communities impacted and activated the National Guard. Damage is massive with hundreds of homes damaged or destroyed. Team Eastern Kentucky Flood Relief Fund has been set up to help the areas affected by flooding. The city of Jackson is suffering its own flooding issues, but some of the greatest devastation is out in the county. At one point, 12 different water rescues were going on just in the Lost Creek area. The parking lot of WKYT's Hazard sister station WYMT flooded overnight. The Knott County Coroner confirmed at least one death in that county and told our sister station, WYMT, that multiple people are still missing. Throughout the city, there are several major water line breaks and reports of a gas line break. There are also major power outages and the city's lot of vehicles and generators was submerged, destroying a lot of the city's key machinery. Kentucky Transportation Cabinet District 12 says multiple roads are blocked because of flooding and downed trees and power lines. <https://www.wkyt.com/2022/07/28/breathitt-county-courthouse-opens-flash-flood-shelter/>

PROGRAM: WKYT News at 5:30PM  
DATE AIRED: September 2, 2022  
TIME & DURATION: 5:37PM / 2:46 segment

**PROGRAM SUMMARY:** A report by Wells Fargo shows from July 2021 to July 2022 inflation cost has increased the average grocery bill 13%. UK football takes on Miami of Ohio this weekend. The team is ready, the fans are ready, but are your pockets ready? Matthew Wood is prepping his spot for Saturday's tailgating experience. "We set our tent up and it was six inches tall trying to get it cut down to where we got a good area," tailgater Matthew Wood said. His section includes four tents for 25 people. Feeding that many people with today's inflated prices could be costly. "Maybe \$100 to \$150 for the weekend," Wood said. Just like the Cats, they have a good game plan. "We kind of split it up through the group it makes it easier it's not as big of an expense," Wood said. A recent nationwide study has shown since last year, prices of beef, hot dogs, and chicken, all tailgating favorites, have increased. But Nick Eudy, the meat manager at Critchfield Meats Family Market, has seen some of his prices flatten. "Chicken wings are a little bit lower as far as ground meats go they are pretty much the same," Eudy said. Eudy's suggestion to save is to buy in bulk, and patty things yourself. Garnett O'dneal is the owner of Tossin Tha Sauce. His Lexington wing shop has been open for three months and he knows football season is peak season for his product. But he's seen the price for a case of chicken double. "You have to raise your price a little bit in order to stay in business because you can't just be selling chicken just to sell chicken," O'dneal said. Eudy said they sold 80 pounds of chicken wings, selling out in the first three hours of business. <https://www.wkyt.com/2022/09/02/how-is-inflation-impacting-tailgate-season/>

**PROGRAM:** WKYT News at 6:00PM-WKYT Investigates

**DATE AIRED:** August 4, 2022

**TIME & DURATION:** 6:17PM / 4:28 segment

**PROGRAM SUMMARY:** If you look at most school supplies, you're going to notice an increase in what you pay this year. Chriss and Meg La Rue see it firsthand. They stock papers, supplies, and educational games at their shop, Parent-Teacher Store. "A lot of the teaching supplies are not expensive items by themselves," says Meg La Rue. Chriss La Rue says the increases vary by vendor. Transportation costs factor into the final price, too. "We ran into issues with supply chain and it caused a lot of shortages for a lot of product that customers wanted. This year we started ordering in December to start bringing in for our busy season which is July and August," notes Chriss La Rue. Transportation costs for their customers is also a concern. "A lot of our customers come from Eastern Kentucky during the summer. I would say half of our customer base comes from there. We get a lot of business from the school districts out there, and I'm worried about what gas prices are going to do to people coming this direction," notes La Rue. A brief scan of the US Bureau of Labor Statistics shows how tough inflation is right now on parents with school-aged kids. We asked Dr. Michael Clark, the director of the Center for Business and Economic Research at the University of Kentucky to review prices for us. "Prices for boys apparel were up about 5.9% over what they were in the previous

year, so higher, quite a bit higher than what they were last year,” notes Dr. Clark. “Students who are maybe performing in some of the athletic programs, sporting equipment is going up as well. Price increases for those in May were up about 7% over where they were the prior year. We’re just recently starting to see an increase in the cost of textbooks.” The La Rues are planning for a busy season at Parent-Teacher Store but say it’s hard to tell how much shoppers will buy this year. <https://www.wkyt.com/2022/08/04/wkyt-investigates-school-spending-inflation/>

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Includes local issues that protect the public—safeguarding people from crimes, disaster, and other potential dangers and threats.

PROGRAM: WKYT News at 11:00PM  
DATE AIRED: September 6, 2022  
TIME & DURATION: 11:02PM / 1:26 segment  
PROGRAM SUMMARY: Tempers flared Tuesday night as a Lexington neighborhood tries to address the violence happening in their community. Emotions ran high as Lexington law enforcement and city leaders listen to neighbors’ concerns. People in the Gainesway Community telling them they are tired of the constant shootings. “It needs to be somebody who was a previous gangster, or baller out here in the community who can show them you don’t want a life in prison,” said one neighbor. “I come to everyone of these meetings. I ask the same thing. If you want to keep these kids off the streets and out of trouble, find something else for them to do,” another said. Councilmember Fred Brown said he helped organize the public forum to have these exact kinds of discussions. “We are aware of the violence. We’re doing things in the city and in our public safety and police department to counter those type of things and maybe give some assurances to the people in the community,” Brown said. Like opening the new Gainesway Community Center later this month, and also putting more of a focus on mental health resources. Chief Weathers pointing out that 33% of of the gun violence this year is domestic violence related. “We know that there’s problems and we know we’re trying to address them,” Brown said. <https://www.wkyt.com/2022/09/07/gainesway-neighbors-discuss-gun-violence-lexington/>

PROGRAM: WKYT News at 11:00PM  
DATE AIRED: June 21, 2022  
TIME & DURATION: 11:09PM / 1:28 Segment  
PROGRAM SUMMARY: A Kentucky lawmaker says someone stole her car. State Representative Cherlynn Stevenson, D-District 88, who represents parts of Fayette and Scott counties, says someone stole her SUV Monday night from the Lexington Green parking lot. The white Chevy Tahoe has her legislative tags on it. “It’s a shock and it feels like a major violation. It has me empathizing with those that have had to deal with this in the past. Again, you just kind of feel violated,” Rep. Stevenson said. AAA says the theft of Stevenson’s vehicle is a stark

reminder of the nation's growing vehicle theft problem. They say it is problem that tends to be worse this time of year. According to the National Insurance Crime Bureau, the summer months, and August, in particular, are the hottest months for stolen vehicles. Monday night's theft of Rep. Stevenson's vehicle is a timely reminder to all vehicle owners to take every precaution to deter thieves and protect what is likely one of their most significant investments. According to the NICB, the number of stolen vehicles nationwide jumped almost 20% in the two-year period from 2019 through 2021. And, if the number of car thefts in 2022 to date is any indication, there will be nearly 1 million vehicles reported stolen by year's end. She notes that all 50 states require auto liability insurance, but comprehensive coverage against theft remains optional. In addition to stealing unattended vehicles left running or with the key in the vehicle, thieves are increasingly using technology to steal cars. They may begin by bumping a vehicle to determine if there is an alarm or if an alarm would draw attention. Professional thieves have the necessary equipment and knowledge of vehicle protection technology that enable them to bypass anti-theft systems. For example, some use a relay system to trick vehicle alarm systems into believing keys are close by, allowing entry. Others may crack the code in keys and use a transmitter to gain entry and start the vehicle. Sometimes thieves are able to copy key codes to a cloned key. According to the Lexington Police Department, there have been 661 automobile thefts in the city alone from Jan. 1 through June 30 of this year, the most recent time period for which data is available. Each of those months has seen higher numbers of reported vehicle thefts in Lexington than in the same months in 2021. Residents wishing to learn the location of vehicle thefts throughout Lexington can view the city's community crime map. Kentucky ranked within the top half of the nation in terms of number of vehicle thefts in 2020. AAA offered tips for protecting your vehicle against theft. Rep. Stevenson says she's planning to look at Kentucky laws on vehicle thefts to see if there's any more she can do. The P3 tips app available at [www.p3tips.com](http://www.p3tips.com). <https://www.wkyt.com/2022/08/30/ky-lawmakers-suv-with-legislative-tags-stolen-aaa-warns-growing-vehicle-theft-problem/>

PROGRAM: WKYT News at 11:00PM

DATE AIRED: September 12, 2022

TIME & DURATION: 11:00PM / 3:02 segment

PROGRAM SUMMARY: It's been a violent two weeks in Lexington, as police have responded to at least 12 shootings where 30 people in total were injured, including a Lexington police officer. Four of those shootings happened Saturday night into Sunday morning. In total nine people were shot in those instances. Lexington Mayor Linda Gorton and her opponent in November's election David Kloiber were asked Monday about the violence, but they aren't the only ones we pressed on the issue. Governor Andy Beshear said public safety is critical, and said his administration has been focused on retaining officers across the state. Fraternal Order of Police President Jeremy Russell said in Lexington they're



down 115 officers. The governor said point blank, the violence has to stop. Within a roughly two-week stretch of August 26 to September 12, there were at least 12 shootings, starting with shots fired outside Fayette Mall, and most recently four crime scenes Saturday night into Sunday morning. "We also need people to just stop it. We need people to speak up when they see violence. We need to ensure that we're holding people accountable," Beshear said. Beshear said it harms communities in multiple ways. "It tears at the fabric of who we are, and to have that many shootings over just a weekend, is entirely unacceptable," Beshear said. Other notable shootings include seven shot outside Legends Park on August 27. That night, nine were shot in three shootings. Ten were injured late last Wednesday after a shot was fired at a college party on University Avenue. Thursday night, an officer was shot, who is expected to be okay. "We also need to ensure that we don't lose our youth that often are involved in these shooting. We have more of them by younger people than we have seen at least at any time in my lifetime," Beshear said. Lexington police said there have been no arrests or charges filed in connection to any of Saturday night's shootings. <https://www.wkyt.com/2022/09/13/city-state-leaders-react-recent-gun-violence-lexington/>

## **EDUCATION**

Includes education standards, school safety, efforts to keep up with growth in the area, budget matters, etc.

PROGRAM: WKYT News at Noon  
DATE AIRED: August 22, 2022  
TIME & DURATION: 12:06PM / 1:21 segment  
PROGRAM SUMMARY: Class is back in session at the University of Kentucky. UK spokesperson Jay Blanton says there could be a record number of students filling in classrooms across campus, with more than 32,000 students enrolled for the new academic year. That number included a record incoming freshman class of more than 6,000 students. That did cause some challenges when it came to housing them. Blanton says they originally had to convert some multipurpose rooms to accommodate an overflow of students, but he says that issue has since been resolved. With so many students coming into Lexington from all parts of the state and the country, Blanton says they're still monitoring any potential concerns with COVID-19. However, for now, their policies have been relaxed in accordance with CDC guidance and masks are optional on campus. "We have a START [Screening, Testing and Tracing, to Accelerate Restart and Transition] team of health professionals and scientists. We look at what they are seeing out there and then we have an operations team that is constantly looking at what our current policies and procedures are to make sure we're doing everything we can to keep our community healthy and safe," Blanton said Fayette County is still in the red. So, Blanton says anyone who would like to wear a mask is encouraged to do so. He says there are still masks and hand sanitizer stations spread across campus for the student body to use. Blanton says they're also about 1,000 students that have come from the hard-hit flooding

areas of Eastern Kentucky. He says they're working closely with dozens of those students who needed special accommodations for this school year. <https://www.wkyt.com/2022/08/22/potential-record-number-students-head-class-university-kentucky/>

PROGRAM: WKYT Investigates at 6PM

DATE AIRED: August 11, 2022

TIME & DURATION: 6:08PM / 2:17 segment

PROGRAM SUMMARY: Students in central Kentucky are back in school and safety is a top priority. In April, the legislature passed House Bill 63 requiring all school campuses to have school resource officers. We know many districts did not meet the August 1 deadline. Some districts don't have the money right now to fill the position. While others have the money, but don't have applicants. That's the case for Mercer County Schools. "We weren't able to get any applicants for this position," said Superintendent John Booher. Booher says they've had an SRO opening since spring of last year. Not a single application has been submitted for the position. He says having a sheriff's office and police department within two miles of campus is part of the issue. "The problem is that they can't fill their jobs which is first priority for them because they've gotta have enough manpower on the streets," said Booher. Booher cites the lack of 'action' in Kentucky schools as another reason for the struggle to hire SROs. "I think that detours a lot of 20 and 30-year-olds that are the policemen already. They don't want to be in schools," said Booher. "Then, you've got your older crew that wants to be just in the schools but, when school is out, they don't want to go in the streets." He says forming a police department in the school district could be a potential solution. "Saying, 'hey, you won't have to work the streets,' that we could get some retirees, police officers that just want to be in the schools. I think that would be more enticing for them, than having to go back to the streets when school is out," said Booher. According to the Office of the State School Security Marshal, as of August 2021, 57 percent of schools did not have assigned school resource officers. They were unable to tell us how many of Kentucky's 173 school districts met the August 1 deadline as they are still collecting data. <https://www.wkyt.com/2022/08/11/ky-school-districts-still-struggling-with-sro-requirement-school-year-begins/>

PROGRAM: WKYT News at 11:00PM

DATE AIRED: September 12, 2022

TIME & DURATION: 11:06PM / 1:52 segment

PROGRAM SUMMARY: The plan for a proposed new school in Fayette County has taken another step forward. Construction could start soon for the school on Polo Club Boulevard. It's a project that's been in the works for almost a decade. "The first step of course is acquiring land. That is not an easy process here in Lexington. It took several years just to find a location," said Myron Thompson, chief operating officer with FCPS. It's hit many road blocks since then. The idea for the Polo Club Middle School was originally developed in 2013. The new building is set to be built in the Hamburg area. But even after finding

land, the entire project was put on hold indefinitely last November. “We were all kind of shocked at the market last year, and so we were going to take a step back and figure out next steps. The board wanted us to bring this forward for consideration and take a pulse,” Thompson said. Thompson explained due to high construction costs, the project would cost nearly \$23 million more than initially planned, so it was tabled for a year. Now, the board will vote at the next meeting whether to accept the construction bid from Rising Sun Development at almost \$70 million, and finally move forward with the project—or not. “The design has already been approved and it’s going to be a modern, 21st century forward school. Really responsive to a lot of the items in the strategic plan. To really help our students learn not just what’s in the academics but really begin to explore their talents,” FCPS spokesperson Lisa Deffendall said. If the construction bid is approved, students could be in the new school in 2025. The school board will vote whether to accept the bid at their next meeting on September 26. <https://www.wkyt.com/2022/09/13/plan-proposed-new-school-fayette-co-takes-next-step-forward/>

### **ENVIRONMENT**

Includes matters relating to soil, air, water, climate, and pollution in the community.

**PROGRAM:** WKYT News at 6:00PM

**DATE AIRED:** August 15, 2022

**TIME & DURATION:** 6:07PM / 1:25 segment

**PROGRAM SUMMARY:** A section of the Georgetown Toyota plant was evacuated and one person was sent to the hospital after a chemical accident Monday morning. Scott County Emergency Management says there was an accidental mixing of two chemicals in the “paint two” area of the plant. That caused a release of some sort of gas. Officials say a truck carrying liquid nitrous oxide hooked up to the wrong tank, which held phosphorus. “When nitrous oxide and phosphorus got together, it caused this chemical reaction,” said Michael Hennigan, director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security for Georgetown and Scott County. It wasn’t explosive, but it produced this mustard-looking gas called nitric acid, a hazard to anyone in close contact. That section of the plant was evacuated. Toyota says about 200 employees were affected. Two people in the paint area was taken to the Georgetown hospital as a precaution. “Nitric acid gas could cause breathing problems or skin irritation,” Hennigan said. No other injuries were reported. Emergency management officials say no other part of the facility was impacted. Several local fire departments sent personnel to assist the hazmat team. Crews flooded the contaminated tank with about 3,000 gallons of water. “Everybody that we could put on this incident we brought as fast as we could to make sure we got it under control before it became a problem for the general public,” Hennigan said. Hennigan says what happened posed no threat to the public. He says once that gas got into the air it reverted back to nitrogen and oxygen. Toyota is, however, working with an environmental company to finish decontaminating impacted areas of the plant. Toyota says first

shift production for the whole plant was suspended and second shift was a two-hour delay. They say they expect normal operations for Tuesday. <https://www.wkyt.com/2022/08/15/part-georgetown-toyota-plant-evacuated-after-hazmat-incident/>

PROGRAM: WKYT News at 6:00PM

DATE AIRED: August 21, 2022

TIME & DURATION: 6:03PM / 1:41 Segment

PROGRAM SUMMARY: The geography of eastern Kentucky is defined by its mountains, but a key feature of the area's economy is entrenched in the river valleys which span those ranges. "We have a tremendous amount of people in eastern Kentucky who farm," said Arch Sebastian, president of the Mountain Cattlemen's Association. "Whether that be hogs or chickens or horses, cattle." Sebastian says many of those farmers lived off the very same land which was swept away by last month's flooding. "The reason why it's devastating to agriculture in that area is that most of our best land is going to be in those low-lying areas," said Jimmy Henning, a professor at the UK College of Agriculture. Henning works in the Plant and Soil Sciences department, and says that livestock and hay are two of the driving forces on the region's agricultural balance sheet. But the floods have washed away some of these animals and jeopardized the production of both. "A lot of these folks for getting ready to start their second cutting of hay when this storm happened," Sebastian said. "So now they have no pastures to cut." Hundreds of hayfields in this region that have been rendered unworkable by the inches to feet of silt and sediment that has settled here. Sebastian says even the green growth which has persisted and sprouts up through the brown mud still holds no value because if it's harvested, the livestock would refuse to eat it. Henning says depending on what's been deposited there, it could impact future crop production as well. "You've got a physical problem, you've got to remove it or let the plants that survive grow up through it," Henning said. These farmers also suffered losses to critical infrastructure like coops and fencing, so the cattlemen's association is gathering hundreds of thousands of pounds of feed and other supplies. Sebastian worries the loss may lead some to leave the region altogether. "What you're going to wind up with is you're going to lose people in the agriculture business," said Sebastian. "Some of these people have been hit here twice in the last 16 or 18 months." He hopes this support will continue to come in and will help local farmers decide to stay. Sebastian says farmers in need of feed or other donated products should get in touch with their local cooperative extension service. <https://www.wkyt.com/2022/08/22/eky-flooding-takes-toll-regions-agriculture-industry/>

PROGRAM: WKYT News at 10PM

DATE AIRED: September 11, 2022

TIME & DURATION: 10:37PM / 1:24 segment

PROGRAM SUMMARY: It's that time of year again; as the temperatures fall, the leaves begin to change. Experts say things are looking good this year in terms of bright colors in the bluegrass. Last year after a promising start, the fall

foliage turned way later than expected, but this year experts are predicting a seasonable start as conditions have been favorable recently. “We’ve had some occasional rains, some storm moisture which is important for the leaves to not dry up and fall off cause then we won’t have any fall color, and we’ve lately had nice bright sunny days and cool nights. Which is really good for intensifying leaf color,” said Dr. Laurie Thomas, Extension Forester at UK. The forecast looks to continue the trend, which means that soon the leaves will start to change. “It’s predicting that for Kentucky, it will be kinda patchy throughout most of the state, and into some partial and peak around the 15th and 20th of October. We still got a little ways to go,” said Thomas. Dr. Thomas said that the floods from this past summer shouldn’t affect the foliage in those communities too much. Also, if you are wondering what trees could look like in your backyard, the University of Kentucky’s forestry division has a website that can give you some guidance. “We have on our department of forestry and national resources website. A lot of great video and great resources to help identify that tree that is in your yard or maybe in your neighborhood that you really love that fall color,” said Thomas. If you’re looking to see fall foliage in Kentucky, some of the best places to look are state national parks and byways, of course, if you’re willing to venture out of your backyard. <https://www.wkyt.com/2022/09/11/uk-experts-predict-seasonable-timeline-fall-foliage-this-year/>

### **GOVERNMENT**

Includes state, county, and local political issues/events, profiles and headlines regarding political leaders and newsmakers, governmental corruption, etc. Also includes federal government issues.

**PROGRAM:** WKYT News at 5:30PM  
**DATE AIRED:** August 16, 2022  
**TIME & DURATION:** 5:31PM / 1:34 Segment  
**PROGRAM SUMMARY:** School is starting up again across the commonwealth. That brings with it a set of responsibilities and stress for students. Tuesday morning in Frankfort, a committee of lawmakers heard from students about the importance of mental health. A big topic for the committee was the student mental health initiative. Students from all over Kentucky came together to research and propose ideas to help make a change. A group of students, led by Lieutenant Governor Jacqueline Coleman, sat in front of committee members to share their commitment to changing the mental health stigma. Coleman says, without these students, this initiative wouldn’t be the same. “As we see all of the studies and recommendations that come out at the national level from medical experts, we are also hearing from our student experts, a lot of those things jive,” said Lt. Gov. Coleman. They introduced recommendations and even created surveys for their classmates, so they can figure out what resources are needed most. One of those resources is six excused mental health absences. “We want to add those six days so that students don’t have to go to the doctor or to a mental health clinician, and say, ‘hey I’m having these issues and I need a break. I need to decompress from all of this stress,’” said student advisor Juleah Edie.

“We just want to let these students know that we’re there for them and that they are allowed to take time to themselves.” She says that diagnosis is a privilege and that’s why mental health professionals in school are so important to them. “Change is going to happen, but we want to make sure that it’s positive change,” Edie said. The students say this is just the beginning. They still have a long way to go before they have a stigma-free environment surrounding mental health. The students say, even though the committee asked tough questions, they hope their research and work for this project will be considered in this upcoming legislative session. <https://www.wkyt.com/2022/08/16/ky-lawmakers-hear-students-about-importance-mental-health/>

ROGRAM: Kentucky Newsmakers  
DATE AIRED: September 10, 2022  
TIME & DURATION: 10:00am / 30 minute show  
PROGRAM SUMMARY: On this episode of Kentucky Newsmakers, WKYT’s Bill Bryant talks with Governor Andy Beshear. It’s been a tough summer with historic and deadly flooding in eastern Kentucky, but the comeback is also a remarkable story. Last month the governor called the state legislature to Frankfort and in a quick three-day session, they passed a \$212 million flood relief package. The November election is approaching, and voters will face key races on the ballot. They’ll decide whether to amend the state constitution on abortion and allowing the legislature to call itself into special session. It also looks like cost of living adjustments for those who receive state pensions will be a push. Next year, Governor Beshear will be seeking re-election as he watches the crowded Republican primary grow even more. He joins us to discuss. <https://www.wkyt.com/2022/09/09/kentucky-newsmakers-911-gov-andy-beshear/>

PROGRAM: WKYT News at 6:00PM  
DATE AIRED: September 7, 2022  
TIME & DURATION: 6:00PM / 1:57 segment  
PROGRAM SUMMARY: Another Republican has joined the race for Governor of Kentucky. Kelly Craft launched her campaign website Wednesday morning. She served as the 30th United States Ambassador to the United Nations under former President Donald Trump. In her first campaign video, she talks about her Barren County roots and her commitment to faith and family. Craft promised to boost the state’s economy and focus on education. Craft joins 11 other Republican candidates including Attorney General Daniel Cameron, State Representative Savannah Maddox, State Auditor Mike Harmon and Agriculture Commissioner Ryan Quarles. On the Democratic side, Governor Andy Beshear is running for reelection. Governor Beshear says he’s not focusing on the election yet amid recent natural disasters and work boosting the economy. Somerset’s Mayor Alan Keck tells us he is also strongly considering a run for governor but, right now, is focusing on moving the southern Kentucky community forward. The primary election is on Tuesday, May 16, 2023.

<https://www.wkyt.com/2022/09/07/kelly-craft-launches-campaign-website-kentucky-governors-race/>

## HEALTHCARE

Includes health education and awareness, wellness and fitness, healthcare for the elderly, etc.

PROGRAM: WKYT News at 6:00PM

DATE AIRED: August 5, 2022

TIME & DURATION: 6:18PM / 1:56 segment

PROGRAM SUMMARY: So far there are no reported cases of monkeypox in Fayette County, but health officials say we should be concerned that the number of cases is increasing. There are nine monkeypox cases in Kentucky, according to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services. Seven cases are in Jefferson County, one in McCracken County, and one in Warren County. Lexington physician Dr. Jeff Foxx says monkeypox is similar to smallpox, but not as deadly. "It can create flu-like symptoms and generally you may see a rash," Dr. Foxx said. He says the rash can look like chickenpox or shingles. "So if you have a rash and you have those symptoms, it's probably a good idea to see what it is," Dr. Foxx said. Health officials say monkeypox is spread from person to person through close physical contact. Men who have sex with men are showing the highest rate of infection right now. But officials say that could change since anyone can catch the virus. AVOL Kentucky, a clinic that provides HIV and STD testing, is helping to get the word out. "Monkeypox is basically spread through skin-to-skin intimate contact. So, it's important to have a conversation with your partners and know if they're currently experiencing any symptoms. If they are, you would want to avoid that contact," said Jon Parker, the executive director with AVOL Kentucky. AVOL is also handing out flyers about the monkeypox vaccine. The Lexington-Fayette County Health Department offers the vaccine, but due to limited supply, only a few people are eligible to get it. They include men who have sex with men with certain risk factors and people who've had close contact with an infected person. The Lexington-Fayette County Health Department is offering monkeypox vaccines on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays starting at 8:00 a.m. You have to call the day of to get an appointment. <https://www.wkyt.com/2022/08/05/lexington-health-leaders-working-give-out-monkeypox-vaccine/>

PROGRAM: WKYT News at 6PM

DATE AIRED: September 6, 2022

TIME & DURATION: 6:09PM / 2:25 segment

PROGRAM SUMMARY: The FDA has approved a new COVID-19 booster, and UK Healthcare said it'll be ready to serve the public when those doses roll out. "It is important that we continue to stay vigilant and continue to get vaccines and booster doses," UK Pharmacy assistant professor Vincent Venditto said. UK Healthcare anticipates it will get the new booster doses later this week, with a scheduled rollout for September 12. "Why this is very important is because these

new lineages are what we might predict to see circulating around this fall and winter season,” said Dr. James Hallahan, the assistant director of Pharmacy Operations with UK Healthcare. “Ideally it’s going to provide us with much better protection.” Dr. Hallahan said the booster shot contains the original COVID-19 strain, as well as two additional strains of BA.4 and BA.5 omicron versions of the virus. “Obviously we want to keep people out of the hospital and that’s what the vaccines are designed to do,” Venditto said. The state’s COVID-19 website shows a large portion of the commonwealth’s counties in the red, with a weekly positivity rate at 20%. Health officials say fall season can also be virus-spreading season as students congregate during school. “The important thing about the new vaccine is that they now match much closer to this omicron variant,” Dr. Hallahan said. UK Healthcare officials expect a few thousand doses will be distributed for free within UK Pharmacy sites. Other pharmacies are expected to have the doses as well. “Continue to do everything we can to prevent those symptoms, stay out of the hospital and hopefully have a long life to live,” Venditto said. The new Moderna vaccine booster is for ages 18 and up, while the Pfizer vaccine booster dose is for ages 12 and up. If you’d like to make an appointment to receive a vaccine booster or to check your eligibility, you can click here. <https://www.wkyt.com/2022/09/06/rollout-begin-lexington-new-covid-19-booster-dose/>

PROGRAM: WKYT News at 5:30PM  
DATE AIRED: September 1, 2022  
TIME & DURATION: 5:32PM / 2:11 segment

PROGRAM SUMMARY: Monkeypox cases are rising in Kentucky. According to the CDC the state now has 31 confirmed cases, and three of those cases are in Lexington. On Thursday the health department held a second vaccine clinic for people at high risk of the virus. Health leaders said they’re doing more outreach to make sure everyone eligible gets the shot. “If you look at this time a month ago, there was high demand, low supply and right now we’re seeing high supply low demand,” said Kevin Hall, a spokesperson with the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department. The health department said Thursday’s monkeypox vaccine clinic saw significantly less registrations than the last one. Hall said this is partly because the vaccine is now more widely available across the state. “Two weeks ago we held a mass vaccination clinic, we were about the only spot people could get to. We had people coming from all over Kentucky. Driving hours to get here to get the vaccine,” Hall said. Right now, the vaccine is only available to certain communities. “Now the primary audience are gay, bisexual or men who have sex with men or transgender people who are sexually active,” Hall said. “Gender and sexuality are so fluid. So there are people who qualify for this that don’t identify in some of these categories. That’s why it’s so important to talk to your healthcare provider or reach out to the health department to talk about who is eligible for this.” Hall said of those who are eligible, some may be hesitant to get the vaccine in such a public setting, but there are other options. “They can come to our regular public health clinic every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday by same day appointment, they can talk to their health department, go to a neighboring



health department, wherever it's provided," Hall said. The health department said case numbers are still low, with only three in Fayette County, and they're working to make sure they stay that way. The health department is hosting another monkeypox vaccine clinic on September 7. Vaccines are also available at the public health clinic every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Appointments can be made on the health department's website. <https://www.wkyt.com/2022/09/01/lexington-health-leaders-making-sure-people-get-monkeypox-vaccine/>

### **HUMAN INTEREST**

Includes stories that make a difference in the Central Kentucky community, features Central Kentuckians doing unique things that spark our viewers' short interest.

PROGRAM: WKYT News at 11:00PM  
DATE AIRED: September 2, 2022  
TIME & DURATION: 11:04PM / 2:07 segment  
PROGRAM SUMMARY: Four thousand beagles gearing up to make big moves across the country. A couple dozen to find homes right here in Lexington. "They got here about 7:30 last night. They got a little acclimated, got to play outside and meet each other for the first time. Today they all went to get their spay surgeries." Katy Stoess and the Lexington Humane Society first welcomed 15 beagles in August. They all have homes, so the humane society opened their doors to another 12. "It's just what we do. We wouldn't be the Lexington Humane Society if we didn't help in any way we could. It has been a struggle to find space this time, just like it was the first time." After nearly six weeks, all four thousand beagles have been rescued from the now-closed breeding facility in Virginia, the last 312 dogs removed this week. And while the humane society didn't hesitate to help, they are at full capacity right now with almost 500 animals in their care. "COVID. I think the same with every shelter, people were stuck at home and thought it would be a great idea to get a pet. People are going back to the real world and realizing they can't care for the animal the way they wanted to. So lots of returns, lots of strays, lots of give ups." As they continue to help animals in need, Stoess needs everyone else to help. Whether that be to adopt, foster or even donate. She said they have already had a lot of interest in the 12 recently rescued beagles. <https://www.wkyt.com/2022/09/03/all-4000-beagles-now-rescued-virginia-breeding-facility/>

PROGRAM: WKYT News at 5:30PM  
DATE AIRED: August 30, 2022  
TIME & DURATION: 5:37PM / 2:11 segment  
PROGRAM SUMMARY: Empowering and inspiring. Fifth-grade girls from four Lexington schools had the opportunity to hear from influential women Tuesday.

The Rotary Club of Lexington After Hours partnered with BCTC and Fayette County Public Schools to empower young girls to dream big. WKYT's Amber Philpott helped emcee the event. All of the women that came and spoke came from different backgrounds and all of them mentioned that their goals had changed over time, but by working hard they were all able to achieve them. Tracy Hardin, founder and president of Century Technologies, preached that while women are the minorities in STEM fields they can be the change. Adalhi Aranda, of the Bluegrass Youth Ballet said that sometimes leaving home is the best way to kickstart your future. Ashli Dunn, the family resource coordinator at Arlington Elementary, says it's important to start young. "This is very important because the girl here need to understand that anything is possible. They need to be empowered," Dunn said. "A lot of times, they don't hear anything until later in life. So, they've started early they will grow into being the successful women that we all know they can become." The speakers boasted that with hard work, determination and teamwork at any age that girls can do anything. <https://www.wkyt.com/2022/08/30/kentucky-girls-hear-dream-big-message-womens-empowerment-event/>

PROGRAM: WKYT News at 5:30PM  
DATE AIRED: September 8, 2022  
TIME & DURATION: 5:45PM / 1:23 segment

PROGRAM SUMMARY: Students at Lexington's Yates Elementary got a big surprise Thursday morning. Students were gifted backpacks filled with items they'll need for the school year. Kids even got to choose their own color backpack. The backpacks were donated by Green's Toyota of Lexington through Toyota's Big Summer Giveback Program. The program partners Toyota dealerships with the Kids in Need Foundation to help local students get the supplies they need to have a good year. These bags were filled with things like notebooks, pencils, markers and folders. "Any time that we're able to provide resources to them: the backpacks, the supplies, it eases the burden for their parents. And, then, if they're able to allocate those funds to, you know, something else and we're able to be a part of that then it's a win for everyone," said George Hernandez, Green's Toyota general manager. Hernandez said that they're donating 400 backpacks to students at Yates. "We were all kids at one point, last I checked, and it's always exciting to be able to get any kind of gift and especially when it's something that's going to help you in your day-to-day," said Hernandez. School officials said they are grateful for community partners like Green's Toyota who can step up and provide students with this kind of supplies. <https://www.wkyt.com/2022/09/08/students-get-big-surprise-thanks-donation-lexington-dealership/>

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

### July 2022

- July 4 | LFUCG July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade Participant
- July 7-10 | Barbasol PGA Golf Tournament Sponsor
- July 16-17 | Keeneland Concours d'Elegance Sponsor

- July 21-31 | Lexington Restaurant Week Sponsor

## August 2022

- August 20-21 | Woodland Art Fair Sponsor & Participant
- August 27 | CASA Superhero Run Sponsor

## September 2022

- September 2 | KY Bash Sponsor
- September 7-8 | Kentucky Blood Center – WKYT Blood Drive Sponsor
- September 9 | Bluegrass International Cup Sponsor
- September 14 | The State of Schools Sponsor
- September 17 | UNCF National Walk for Education Sponsor
- September 20 | Link to Hope Golf Outing Sponsor

## PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS PROVIDING SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES

Aired Length	Aired House #	Aired Ad-ID	Issue Addressed
:30	LEX660292	Stand u pTo Cancer	Health
:15	LEX661204	Kentucky Cancer Link	Health
:30	LEX680095	Disaster Releif	Emergency Management
:30	LEX680096	Disaster Releif	Emergency Management
:30	LEX680100	Dept of Homeland Security	Military
:30	LEX680102	FEMA - Childrens Smoking	Child Advocacy
:30	LEX680103	FEMA - Smoking	Health
:30	LEX680106	Mother's Against Drunk Driving	Child Health
:30	LEX680123	NAMM	Character Building/Health
:30	LEX680128	NAMM	Child Health
:30	LEX680200	Anti-Vaping	Health
:30	LEX680201	Anti-Vaping	Health
:30	LEX680230	Boy Scouts of America	Character Building
:30	LEX680231	YMCA	Character Building
:30	LEX680250	American Heart Association	Health
:30	LEX680259	Skin Cancer Foundation	Health
:30	LEX680265	Texting & Driving	Public Safety
:30	LEX680272	Return to Zoos	Public Resources
:30	LEX680279	Violence Intervention	Violence Intervention
:15	LEX680280	Violence Intervention	Violence Intervention
:30	LEX680288	Stem in Sports	Character Building
:30	LEX680294	Americorp	Emergency Management
:30	LEX680295	Wildlife Prevention	Environmental Safety
:30	LEX680303	WWF	Animal Advocacy
:15	LEX680315	CASA	Child Advocacy
:30	LEX680317	CASA	Child Advocacy
:30	LEX680318	KY Flood Relief	Environmental Disaster Relief
:30	LEX680319	Arbys Flood Relief	Environmental Disaster Relief

:30	LEX680320	CASA	Child Advocacy
:15	LEX680323	UNCF	Child Advocacy
:30	LEX680324	UNCF	Child Advocacy
:15	LEX680326	Prostrate Cancer Awareness	Health
:30	LEX680327	Prostrate Cancer Awareness	Health
:30	LEX682000	CHANGE THE WORLD 30	Character Building
:30	LEX682003	BALLET 30	Character Building