

KAYS BRANCH AND BEYOND

BY WANDA NEW

Welcome to May. The trees are slowly being dressed in green to match the beautiful green grass everywhere.

I love this time of year; the grass is so smooth looking and same height without tall weeds right now. I got 1 and two-tenths inches rain last Friday so that is making everything grow, including the yard grass. I had to mow today.

I'm afraid the rain came too late to help the morel mushroom season produce any more. We haven't found any for several days now. Morels are like big kids' Easter egg hunt.

Joel and Chris planted their butternut squash, broccoli and cabbage last week before the rain so that should help get it off to a quicker start. Over the weekend they drove to Oberlin college in Ohio to see Natalie in a play, a Shakespeare spinoff with a long name.

Sophie took off a day of school to go, too. Natalie was a leading character and had lots of lines. Chris said at 4 years old, Natalie could repeat the Gettysburg Address so she has a super memory. I wouldn't be a good actor, I can't remember enough lines long enough to repeat.

Sophie graduates high school May 24 and Natalie graduates college May 26; good thing they weren't on same day many miles apart.

Willis tilled our family garden at mother's this week so Barbara has planted some things hoping it doesn't frost. She has been itching to plant for a while. I have started some herb seeds and flowers.

Ray helped Fay put her



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A group is all smiles during last Saturday's 10th annual Derby Brunch at Long Ridge Church to benefit Bluegrass Care Navigators, an organization that provides hospice services.

rototiller on her tractor last week. We will help get her electric fence up around her corn patch so she can plant corn as soon as she feels safe enough from frost on the creek there. It's a battle to keep the coons out so electric fence is a must. She said she went flower shopping two days this week, so she has her work cut out for her. She loves her flowers.

John Harrod has planted some garden, too. Tona said she survived the poison oak finally; it has dried up but still itches some.

Thursday evening, they had dinner in Lexington to celebrate daughter-in-law Linette's 50th birthday. Lucas and Maddie and her dad was there, too, he turns 90 in September. They went to OBC Kitchen in Lansdowne for a gourmet dinner.

John and Tona will be playing at Coffeetree in Frankfort

Friday, Derby eve, for a benefit for Frankfort flood relief.

They will be playing in Owenton May 16 for Food Truck Friday.

Hannah had another full week. Monday she was In Lexington for Mind Matters Health Fair sponsored by Sanders Brown Center for Aging. There were vendors and speakers related to brain health issues and advances in Alzheimer's research. Next day was oncology follow up, looked good.

In February she bid on a guided trip down Elkhorn Creek with Michael Larimore, an auction item for American Whitewater Association, wouldn't you know she won. Friends Scott and Clint went along .

The weather was perfect and so was the water level. They observed many wild-flowers, blue heron, orioles, turtles, water snakes and a mature bald eagle. A great day on the water.

Friday was at Camp Paradise Valley near Dale Hol-low with Salvation Army

church for Ky-Tn Women's Retreat. The theme was "Girls just want to have fun" and they did.

There were 17 ladies in one big cabin. They had a variety of activities, dancing, games, worship and skeet shooting. She wanted to get to know the church members better as she is going to the church in Frankfort now. The hymns are sung accompanied by brass band music instead of piano, it's a nice place to worship.

Saturday, she went to Columbia to meet Sarah Sproyles to go to Somerset to be part of an open mic storytelling event.

Last Tuesday Ray, Barbara and I went fishing at Elmer Davis lake pier. We caught a few small bass and two bluegill but no crappie. We went on to Benji Kin-man lakes but had no luck there.

Saturday, mother, Barbara and I once again attended the Owen County Friends of Hospice 10th

annual Derby Brunch at Long Ridge church to benefit Bluegrass Care Navigators it's now called. Over those 10 years Owen County has raised over \$67,000. Most everyone knows families that have had hospice care for family members. It is a great organization made possible by donations.

Thanks to all the people who worked so hard to put this event together. The beautiful tables were all decorated by different people, the meal was beautiful and delicious, cakes were donated for cake auction, many silent auction items donated and many door prizes were won by pretty ladies wearing hats of many kinds and dressed up so pretty.

Beth Conway had a new adventure last week going to Keeneland Race Track with a friend on a nice day out. Then it was getting ready for Brayden's junior prom with Delaney Tabor on Saturday night. I saw the grand march on Facebook; so many pretty dresses. They went to the Prickle Barn in Walton for the prom. Beth said they had a good time.

Brayden has been in on the project of the new FFA greenhouse that had their opening day of plant sales on Saturday.

Ann Spicer got out and did some yardwork this week and went to Frankfort library. It was only open for book pick-ups but should be opened back up May 6 after fixing the flood damage.

The road to recovery will be long for so many homes from the historic flood. Don't forget the people who may need help long after the water is gone. It's like when you lose a loved one, other people's lives get back to normal after a few days but the person who lost a loved one has to deal with a whole new way of living for a very long time.

Ray's sister Georgia Lee Curtis lost her husband Tony. Ray and I went to the funeral service at Pleasant Ridge church on Wednesday. The casket was loaded onto a trailer pulled by a shiny Green John Deere tractor he loved that took his body to its final resting place. Cancer is so cruel.

Drift Allen New turned 7 and grandmother Louann Cobb cooked his favorite foods on Thursday, mammy Barbara and Granny Joyce were there with the family to share In his party.

Bryan and Joyce took him and friends to Lexington on Friday to a trampoline play area, which I'm sure they enjoyed.

Sunday was an early second birthday party for Ila Daisy. Her birthday is May 8 which is also the due date of her baby sister so Gabe and Toree thought they should celebrate early in case the baby decides to come early.d Good plan, I'd say.

Spreading love and kindness can boost our mood, reduce stress and even strengthen our immune system. Spread some love this week.

UPS

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almost 30 years and that when its contract came up this year, UPS decided to reassess the relationship.

"Amazon is our largest customer but it's not our most profitable customer," Tomé said at the time. "Its margin is very dilutive to the U.S. domestic business."

Tomé said that UPS considered various options and determined that the volume reduction was the best alternative.

The company employs about 490,000 workers, according to FactSet.

United Parcel Service Inc. also reported its first-quarter


financial results on Tuesday. The Atlanta-based company earned \$1.19 billion, or \$1.40 per share, in the quarter ended March 31.

Stripping out certain items, earnings were \$1.49 per share. That's better than the \$1.44 per share that analysts polled by Zacks Investment Research were calling for.

Revenue totaled \$21.55 billion, beating Wall Street's estimate of \$21.06 billion.

UPS said that it wasn't providing any updates to its previously announced full-year outlook, given current macroeconomic uncertainty. The company previously said that it expected 2025 revenue of approximately \$89 billion. Shares of UPS rose slightly in morning trading.

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NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY

RECOVERY BY ENVIRONMENTAL SURCHARGE OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY’S 2025 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE PLAN

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that in an April 30, 2025 Application, Kentucky Utilities Company (“KU”) is seeking approval by the Kentucky Public Service Commission (“Commission”) in Case No. 2025-00105, pursuant to Kentucky Revised Statute 278.183, of an amended compliance plan (“2025 Plan”). (Collectively, KU’s Application and supporting testimony and exhibits are KU’s “tariff filing.”) If approved, KU will begin recovering capital costs associated with a new pollution control facility in the 2025 Plan under KU’s existing Electric Rate Schedule ECR (also known as the Environmental Surcharge tariff) through an increase in the environmental surcharge on customers’ bills beginning in December 2025.

KU filed an application with the Commission on February 28, 2025, in Case No. 2025-00045 seeking approval to construct a selective catalytic reduction system at the Ghent generating station to reduce nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions, which are a precursor to ozone. In Case No. 2025-00105, KU is seeking an order approving the 2025 Plan to recover the costs of this new pollution control facility through its Environmental Surcharge tariff. This project will help ensure ongoing compliance with regulations issued under the federal Clean Air Act as amended, including the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone.

The estimated total capital cost of this new pollution control facility is \$152.3 million. Additionally, KU is requesting recovery of future incremental capital and operation and maintenance expenses associated with this new pollution control facility. KU is also asking to recover the cost of publishing this customer notice through the Environmental Surcharge over 12 months and to have Environmental Surcharge recovery of future Commission-approved administrative expenses, including customer notice costs.

Beginning in December 2025, the initial bill impact for KU’s Group 1 customers is estimated to be a 0.01% increase with a maximum increase of 0.81% in 2029. Group 1 includes Rate Schedules Residential Service (RS), Residential Time-of-Day Energy Service (RTODE), Residential Time-of-Day Demand Service (RTODD), Volunteer Fire Department Service (VFD), All Electric School (AES), and all Lighting Rates (i.e., LS, RLS, LE, and TE).

RS and VFD customers using 1,085 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.01 up to \$1.09. RTODE customers using 1,043 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.01 up to \$1.14. RTODD customers using 987 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.02 up to \$1.80. AES customers using 25,620 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.30 up to \$24.28. LS and RLS customers could expect a monthly increase of \$0.00 up to \$0.12. LE customers using 2,473 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.02 up to \$1.59. TE customers using 147 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.00 up to \$0.15.

Beginning in December 2025, the initial bill impact for KU’s Group 2 customers is estimated to be a 0.01% increase with a maximum increase of 1.10% in 2029. Group 2 includes Rate Schedules General Service (GS), General Time-of-Day Energy Service (GTODE), General Time-of-Day Demand Service (GTODD), Power Service (PS), Time-of-Day Secondary Service (TODS), Time-of-Day Primary Service (TODP), Retail Transmission Service (RTS), Fluctuating Load Service (FLS), and Outdoor Sports Lighting Service (OSL).

GS customers using 1,657 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.03 up to \$2.41. GTODD customers using 19,652 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.31 up to \$25.26. PS-Secondary customers using 30,434 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.39 up to \$32.35. PS-Primary customers using 35,028 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.45 up to \$36.82. TODS customers using 189,538 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$1.54 up to \$126.82. TODP customers using 1,242,574 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$8.25 up to \$678.42. RTS customers using 7,387,224 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$38.91 up to \$3,199.31. FLS-Transmission customers using 44,229,667 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$237.46 up to \$19,525.53. OSL-Secondary customers using 4,627 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.17 up to \$13.87.

The Application described in this Notice is proposed by KU, but the Commission may issue an order resulting in an environmental surcharge for customers other than the environmental surcharge described in this Notice.

Comments regarding KU’s 2025 Plan and Application may be submitted to the Commission through its website or by mail to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

Any person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the initial publication of this Notice, the Commission may take final action on the Application.

Any person may examine KU’s tariff filing at the Commission’s offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the Commission’s website at <http://psc.ky.gov> or KU’s website (<http://www.lge-ku.com>) after KU makes its tariff filing on April 30, 2025. KU has requested a deviation from the requirement to make the tariff filing available at its office at One Quality Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40507. If the Commission denies that request, KU will make the tariff filing available at its office upon request by any person.