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The Edmonson News

OPINION



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October 11-17 was Homemakers Week



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By **Laura Grace Vincent**

This past week was Homemaker Week across the state! Our county celebrated KEHA by attending Area Annual Day in Metcalfe County, having Judge Executive

Scott Lindsey sign a proclamation, and joining in their Appreciation Luncheon! We are proud to celebrate the impact of Extension Homemakers in our communities! Edmonson County Homemakers make everything sweeter.

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as emergency managers, first-responders and farmers,” Brotzge said.

He added that the new features will help users monitor recent weather events and long-term weather trends.

The Kentucky Mesonet operates 88 weather stations in 82 counties, collecting weather information every five minutes, 24 hours a day. The data is transmitted to the Kentucky Mesonet Operations Center at WKU’s Innovation Campus.

The network provides weather and climate information used by emergency personnel,

farmers, researchers and the general public.

Residents who already have the Kentucky Mesonet app can access the new features by updating it on their mobile devices.

For additional weather information, visit www.kymesonet.org.

Suggested website category: State News or Weather.

This is especially useful for your Kentucky readers because the updated app provides farmers with soil conditions and gives residents access to local weather information without relying solely on forecasts from larger cities.

VETERANS CORNER



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VA RELEASES VETERAN SUICIDE ANNUAL REPORT

VA has released the 2026 National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report, which states that 6,488 veterans died by suicide in 2024, averaging 17.7 deaths per day. Sixty-two percent had not received VA healthcare during the year of their death or the previous year. The data from 2023 to 2024 indicates suicide rates fell 4.8% among veterans enrolled in the Veterans Health Administration but increased 3.7% among unenrolled veterans. This highlights the need to continue outreach efforts to connect more veterans to VA for healthcare services and suicide prevention.

The fact that so many veterans who died by suicide weren’t receiving VA healthcare shows there is a lot more work to do. VA needs to keep reaching out, making sure veterans know what help is available, and connecting them to the care and support they need.

Disabled American Veterans, Chapter #32, Brownsville, authored a bill, (HB30), in 2024 that was signed by the Governor into law, for the Prevention of Kentucky Veterans suicide that includes free mental health counseling for the veteran and their family members.

Logging truck overturns on Oak Hill Road, prompting closure

Staff Report

A logging truck overturned in Brownsville around noon Tuesday, October 13, prompting a lengthy closure of Oak Hill Road while crews recovered the vehicle.

Edmonson County Judge-Executive Scott Lindsey announced the road was closed between Mohawk Road and Oak Grove Church Road and asked motorists to use alternate routes. A reopening time was not provided.

Brownsville Police identified the driver as Barry K. Elliott, 68, of Hudson. Elliott was traveling north in the 400 block of Oak Hill Road in a 2008 Freightliner pulling a fully loaded log trailer.

Police said the trailer left the roadway, pulling the truck onto its side before it came to rest against a tree along a steep embankment. The width of the road was identified as a contributing factor.

Elliott sustained minor cuts and bruises and declined medical treatment at the scene, according to police.

Recovery crews released the logs from the trailer before working to turn the truck upright. The steep terrain complicated the recovery effort.

Brownsville Police, the Edmonson County Sheriff’s Office, Emergency Management, Edmonson EMS and the Brownsville and Chalybeate fire departments responded.



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