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Pandemic, social





According to the KentuckyMesonetreporting, the local area received 0.39 inches of precipitation last Wednesday and 0.40 inches on Thursday. Green County dodged the "up to an inch" of ice possibility, but roadways were reportedly still slick with numerous vehicle accidents reports. Icicles were still spotted throughout the weekend, with more snow on the horizon. A winter storm warning was issued Saturday, with the possibility of

another wave of winter

weather hitting the area

Thursday.

Photos by Angelina Alcott

justice focus of state's February **Black History** Celebration

challenges that domi- and injustice." nated news headlines over the past year now Billy Mitchell will give serve as the inspiration this year's keynote for this year's Black address. Mitchell cur-History Celebration.

tucky Legislative Black tional Black Caucus of Caucus, the 2021 Black State Legislators. Rep. History Celebration Mitchell's leads more can now be streamed than 700 members of online at http://bit.ly/ the NBCSL who repre-BHC-2021

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year's event is The vocate, and catalyst Struggle Continues: for public policy in-Pandemics, Social Justice, Equity and CO-VID-19.

held in the Capitol Ro- Americans and other tunda and open to the marginalized commupublic, but due to the nities. COVID-19 pandemic, this year's celebration the current Minority will be held virtually.

fully bring us together gia. and inspire us to keep

The struggles and tling the coronavirus

Georgia State Rep. rently serves as the Hosted by the Ken- president of the Nasent more than 60 mil-It was released Feb. lion Black Americans.

NBCSL serves as a The theme for this national network, adnovation, information exchange, and joint action on critical is-The event is usually sues affecting African

Rep. Mitchell is also Caucus Chair for the "TheCOVID-19pan- Georgia General Asdemic might change sembly and has served how we celebrate Black as a state representa-History this year, but it tive for Georgia's 88th won't stop us," said Sen. District since 2003. He Gerald Neal, a member has sponsored legislaof the Kentucky Legis- tion to celebrate Black lative Black Caucus. History and to allow ad-"This event will hope- vanced voting in Geor-

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Stay safe in this winter weather

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In Kentucky, temperatures have steadily dropped in the past week and snow, wind and ice are no strangers. It's important to maintain safetymeasures, despite the havoc winter can bring.

As beautiful as snowcovered landscapes can be, winter presents unique hazards, notably slippery roads and surfaces. Chilly temperatures also can put people at risk if they spendprolongedperiods outdoors unprotected.

According to one national insurance company, more than 156,000 crashes occur annuallyduetoicyroads. Roughly17percentofall vehicle crashes happen in winter conditions. Winter hazards are not exclusive to driving, however.

Changing visibility

While slippery surfacesmaycontribute to some accidents, visibility can quickly change with winter weather. Blowing snow can contribute to whiteout conditions. In addition, fog can be

hazardous to drivers and contributes to thousands of travel accidents every year, advises the National

Weather Service. It's important to slow down, leave plenty of distance, use your lowbeam headlights, and recognize when it may be safest to pull over, such as when visibility is significantly compromised.

Snow removal

Shoveling snow or using a snowblower are common wintertime activities.Yetstrenuous levels of activity in cold temperatures could put

people at risk of heart attack, particularly if they are not acclimated to physical activity. Always warm up prior to shoveling snow to prepare the body for exercise. Go slowly and take frequent breaks. Avoid twisting and tossing snow over your shoulder, which can contribute to back injuries.

Carbon monoxide poisoning

Winter weather means turning up the heat or doing more indoor cooking.

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