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SNOW & ICE COVER COUNTY



Photo by Clevis Jeffries

The falling of snow and a gentle breeze last weekend made for a beautiful wintry landscape featuring "Old Glory," Saturday morning.



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Ron and Marla Jones welcomed a group of cardinals at their home in Greensburg with the ice brought by Saturday and Sunday's wintry weather. Instead of the expected amount of snowfall, the county received much ice instead, wreaking havoc on travel and knocking out power for many.

AARP Tax Aide program to assist with taxes starting in Feb.

SPECIAL TO THE R-H

The AARP Foundation Tax Aide program will again be assisting people with filing their taxes for the 2025 tax year in the Green County Extension Office on Mondays beginning February 2, 2026, except for Feb. 9 and that has been changed Feb. 10. This service is available on

Mondays only and is by appointment only. To make an appointment call Brenda Cook at 270/932-7459.

The program funded by the AARP Foundation and the IRS is primarily for those over 65 and low to moderate income families but is open to anyone whose tax return is in "scope".

In "scope" means the counselors have been

trained on these returns. Sorry, farmers and clergy are NOT in scope.

New this year:
* Deduction for interest paid on a new car loan; if the vehicle was assembled in the United States. (Must provide VIN number and the amount of interest paid, this should be on the paper work you received at the dealership when you

bought your car.)

* Qualified overtime (provide total hours of overtime) and tip deductions (total voluntary tips).

When making your appointment if these deductions pertain to you, please ask about the paper work required.

The local volunteer team consists of Brenda and Cliff Cook, Bettie Russell,

Carolyn Scott, Beverly Edwards, Kathy Curry, JoAnn Price, and Birgit Weeks.

The counselors will assist in completing the tax return and e-filing it all for free.

The tax assistant team thanks and appreciates the Green County Extension Office for their accommodations.

Bivens gives Legislative Update— Healthcare, first responder, education measures clear House



State Representative
Ryan Bivens

As the 2026 Kentucky General Assembly wrapped up its third week, lawmakers left Frankfort with an eye on the massive winter storm expected to hit the Commonwealth over the weekend. There may be differing opinions on how much snow and ice the state will see, but everyone seems to agree that Kentucky will feel the brunt of winter.

The week began with the House reaching one of the session's first major procedural milestones as the House Speaker appointed a special committee to review three separate citizen-filed

impeachment petitions. This step is required by law when such petitions are submitted. Committee members will consider allegations against a state supreme court justice, a jailer, and a family court judge. The committee met early in the week to adopt rules and begin processing the filings. Impeachments are rare in Kentucky. Consideration begins in the House and, if House members find cause, it is then tried in the Senate. The legislature did impeach, convict, and remove from office a sitting commonwealth's attorney in 2023 after finding him guilty of using his elected position for personal gain. All documents are available under the Special Committees section at legislature.ky.gov and all meetings are livestreamed and recorded on the legislature's YouTube channel,

LRCCommittee Meetings.

HB 34 would add hematologic cancers, commonly known as blood cancers, including leukemia, lymphoma, and multiple myeloma, to those eligible for death benefits paid to public safety and service personnel under existing statute. Under existing law, covered individuals include police officers, jailers, correctional officers, firefighters (paid and volunteer), EMS personnel, and certain National Guard and Reserve members.

HB 96 aims to improve the workgroup that oversees performance-based higher education funding. The measure would update the membership of the performance-based funding workgroup to include five members from the House, five from



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Representative Ryan Bivens discusses legislation with Representative Josh Bray on the House Floor during the 2026 Regular Session.

the Senate, the nine public university presidents, the president of the Council on Postsecondary Education, and an appointee from the governor's office.

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