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Photo by Dale Curry

One of the most iconic "flower gardens" in Greensburg was in full bloom last week. Many families in the area have had their children's photos made in the field of yellow on Buckner Hill.

Spring in full bloom

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Upon the hilltop on Buckner Hill Road is one of the most popular spots in the county this time of year.

The Buckner Hill March Lily field is a sight to behold and simply beautiful.

The current owners, Bob and Wendy Ehrler, say the location is wonderful.

A Louisville resident, the Ehrlers were in search of a historic homes and the Buckner House fit the bill perfectly. The country setting was an added bonus.

"We were attracted to this property when we saw a photo of the house on the hillside covered with flowers," Bob Ehrler said. "We bought the house in 2015."

Tradition came with the land purchase and the newest owner welcomes the community to enjoy the scenery and take photos.

"We bought the adjacent hillside 5 or 6 years ago," he said. "We know that is kind of a right of spring to visit the flowers when they pop up and we're happy to share the experience with our neighbors."



Former owner Diane Simmons is pictured with her mother, Evelyn Simmons on the Buckner Hill property.

Former Buckner Hill property owner Diane Simmons wrote this about the iconic March Lily Hill in 2019.

Many of my earliest and best memories of my childhood are of growing up on Buckner's Hill, and the excitement and joy of picking

the flowers and seeing all the people of the town who came to enjoy the view and take a few home.

For many years of my childhood, the Community Easter Sunrise Service was held on Buckner's Hill.

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Senator Givens' update: Week nine of the Regular Session



Senate report
State Sen. David Givens

As the Kentucky General Assembly begins the final weeks of the session, our work in Frankfort continues to move forward with a steady focus on the priorities that matter most to Kentuckians. With only a few weeks remaining in the 60-day session, lawmakers are working to move legislation through the process while continuing important discussions on the state budget. Passing a balanced two-year budget is one of the General Assembly's most significant responsibilities during even-numbered years. Budget discussions are ongoing as lawmakers review spending priorities, agency requests and the commonwealth's long-term fiscal outlook. The House has advanced its initial proposal, and the Senate will now begin its careful review.

As that work continues, my focus remains on responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars while ensuring the core services Kentucky families depend on remain strong.

Earlier this session, the Senate Majority Caucus identified 10 priority pieces of legislation aimed at addressing some of the most pressing challenges facing our commonwealth. I'm pleased to report that all 10 Senate priority bills have now been filed. Several have already passed the Senate and are under consideration in the House of Representatives, while others continue advancing through committee hearings.

These measures reflect months of work during the interim and were shaped by conversations with constituents, community leaders and stakeholders across Kentucky. Together, they address a range of issues, including education, economic development and regulatory reform, with the goal of strengthening Kentucky's future while keeping government accountable and effective.

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Bivens' measure strengthening school board candidate requirements sent to the Senate

Legislation that would implement stricter requirements for school board candidates passed the House today by a vote of 98-0. House Bill (HB) 469 is sponsored by Representative Ryan Bivens of Hodgenville. It aims to protect students and districts by implementing similar ethical standards for school board candidates as for district employees.

"The most precious commodity we have in this state is our children," Bivens said. "We have to do whatever we can to keep them safe. HB 469 would protect our students by closing a loophole in school board candidacy standards that allows those ineligible to be around our students in school to run for, and be elected to, school boards."

HB469 would require candidates wishing to appear on the ballot to complete a standard background check and federal CA/N check and

to be certified by the county clerk before they are approved to appear on the ballot. This measure requires school board candidates to be eligible for employment in the school district.

"If someone is ineligible for employment in a school district due to their criminal record, they should not be able to sit on the district's school board," Bivens added. "We should hold our school board to a high standard and to the same standard we hold for district employees and school volunteers. School board members are responsible for our children's education and should have the character to reflect that responsibility."

This measure now moves to the Senate for consideration. For more information on HB 469, other legislative measures, or the 2026 Regular Session, please visit legislature.ky.gov.



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