

Deadline to Register to Vote in Primary Election is One Week Away

FRANKFORT, Ky. (April 15, 2019) – Secretary of State Alison Lundergan Grimes is reminding eligible Kentuckians that the deadline to register to vote in the upcoming May 21 Primary Election is Monday, April 22.

“Our elections should be determined by a majority of voters, not a minority,” said Grimes. “Registering to vote is the first step to having your voice heard on Election Day. I call on all eligible Kentuckians to get registered by April 22 and then show up at the polls and vote on May 21.”

Kentuckians can easily register and update their registration with GoVoteKY.com, the Commonwealth’s online voter portal. County clerks’ offices throughout Kentucky will accept online and paper applications until 4 p.m. local time on the deadline. Mail-in voter registration applications must be postmarked by April 22.

To be eligible to vote, Kentuckians must:

Be a U.S. citizen.

Be a Kentucky resident for at least 28 days before Election Day.

Be at least 18 years old on or before the General Election.

Not be a convicted felon, or if convicted of a felony offense, must have obtained a restoration of civil rights.

Not have been adjudged “mentally incompetent.”

Not claim the right to vote anywhere outside Kentucky.

Minors who are 17 years old but will be 18 years old on or before the Nov. 5, 2019 General Election are eligible to register and vote in the upcoming Primary.

Voters who have recently moved need to update their voter registration information by no later than April 22, 2019. Pursuant to Kentucky law, voters who move from one county to another county while the voter registration books are open and fail to update their registration information before the voter registration books close are not permitted to vote in the Primary.

Changes in party affiliation for the 2019 Primary Election were due by Dec. 31, 2018. Voters who changed their party affiliation after that date are not eligible to vote in partisan races in the Primary, although they may vote on nonpartisan races on the ballot. Voters who changed their party affiliation after Dec. 31, 2018, may still vote for their candidate(s) of choice in the November General Election.

Voters may check their current registration status and where they vote with the Voter Information Center found at GoVoteKY.com. For questions, contact your county clerk or the State Board of Elections at (502) 573-7100.

Cutthroat Trout Added to Cumberland River

FRANKFORT, Ky. (April 16, 2019) — Hatchery crews with the Fisheries Division of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources stocked 38,000 cutthroat trout in late March in the Cumberland River below Wolf Creek Dam.

“These are surplus Yellowstone strain cutthroat trout from Norfork National Fish Hatchery in Arkansas,” said Dave Dreves, assistant director of fisheries for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. “All we had to do was go get them. There is no cost for these fish, other than transportation costs. This is the first time cutthroat trout have been stocked in the state.”

Crews stocked 5,100 trout at Bakerton, 21,600 at Burkesville and 11,300 at the KY 61 Bridge, just downstream from Burkesville in the Cumberland River. They averaged just over 6 inches long.

“We ask anglers to not confuse the cutthroat trout with the other trout species as there are different regulations for each species,” Dreves said. “Although cutthroat trout have markings similar to both rainbow and brown trout, anglers should look for the reddish orange slash on their lower jaw.”

Anglers may consult The Anglers Fish Identification Guide on page 19 of the 2019-2020 Kentucky Sport Fishing and Boating Guide for excellent illustrations by Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Artist Rick Hill of brook, brown and rainbow trout species.

The Yellowstone cutthroat trout have similar regulations as brown trout in the Cumberland River: a one-fish daily creel limit and a 20-inch minimum size limit. Brook trout in the Cumberland River have a one-fish daily creel limit with a 15-inch minimum size limit. Rainbow trout have a five fish daily creel limit with a 15- to 20-inch protective slot limit. All rainbow trout caught from the Cumberland River between 15 and 20 inches must be immediately released. Only one rainbow trout in the daily creel limit may be longer than 20 inches.

In addition to a valid Kentucky fishing license, anglers must possess a valid Kentucky trout stamp to fish the Cumberland River, regardless of species sought.

President Trump, the First Lady & Federal Leaders to Join Congressman Rogers at Operation UNITE’s National Summit Next Week

ATLANTA, GA - The annual National Rx Drug Abuse and Heroin Summit continues to lead the way toward better policies and practices to save lives and address the national opioid abuse crisis. The four-day conference, which will take place April 22-25 in Atlanta, Georgia, brings together the most powerful leaders in the United States, along with the nation’s largest contingent of state and community advocates and professionals to address substance use disorder and the illicit drug trade. This year, President Donald Trump and First Lady Melania Trump have accepted an invitation from Congressman Hal Rogers and Operation UNITE to join them at the conference on Wednesday, April 24.

“President Trump and the First Lady are affirming their shared commitment to address the national opioid epidemic and lead the way toward life-saving solutions by joining the growing movement of individuals who attend this important conference every year,” said Congressman Rogers. “We have learned that the best way to make an impact on this national crisis, is to bring together all of the stakeholders, from lawmakers, to law enforcement officers, to prescribers and other medical professionals, to addiction recovery leaders and community advocates. As the illegal drug trade rapidly changes, we must remain vigilant in our efforts to improve education, prevent abuse and enhance options for those grappling with addiction. There is hope for a brighter future and I look forward to hearing more from our Commander-in-Chief on this issue.”

More than 3,500 people are expected to attend the summit, now in its eighth year. The conference was first organized by Operation UNITE, a non-profit organization in southeastern Kentucky, launched by Congressman Rogers in 2003 to battle the drug abuse epidemic with a three-pronged approach: law enforcement, treatment and education. Since then, UNITE has provided more than 4,500 free treatment vouchers for individuals battling addiction; more than 4,500 individuals have been arrested on drug charges with a 97.2% conviction rate; and more than 260,000 students have participated in UNITE’s drug-free education programs.

“While there are many effective community-based initiatives focused on addressing substance use disorder-related issues, this public health crisis cannot be solved without collaboration and coordination,” Hale said. “We appreciate the strong, bipartisan leadership from Congress – in particular the leadership shown by Congressman Rogers – along with multiple federal agencies that are providing state and local leaders resources needed for prevention, treatment, and drug interdiction efforts. President Trump has demonstrated his commitment to our collective efforts throughout the past year, and I look forward to hearing his vision on how we can be even more successful in the months and years to come.”

Congressman Rogers will lead a federal delegation of keynote speakers at the summit, including: James W. Carroll, Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy; Francis Collins, MD, Ph.D., Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH); Robert Redfield, MD, Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); Elinore McCance-Katz, MD, Ph.D., Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Abuse; Nora Volkow, MD, Director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA); Admiral Charles Ray, Vice Commandant for the U.S. Coast Guard; and U.S. Representatives Susan Brooks (R-IN), Earl “Buddy” Carter (R-GA) and William Lacy Clay (D-MO).

2nd Annual Hospice Care Plus Benefit Ride Saturday, April 27th

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Hosted by: Jackson County Off-Roader Association
Registration begins at 9:00 am Ride begins at 11:00 am

Agenda: We will be leaving Sand Gap Park and taking our ride.

After the ride, we will open bidding for the silent auction and meals will be served.

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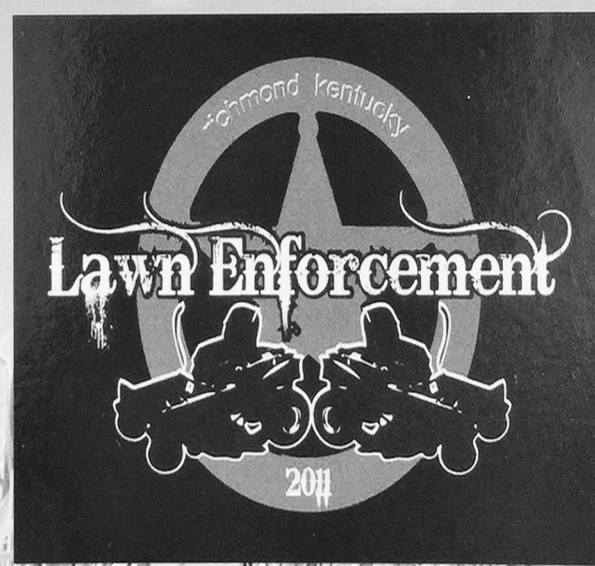
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