

Camp
Like everyone else, we have no idea what's going to happen. Hopefully, we will see some relief sometime this year.

When we met to start considering the county budget, we knew the cost of living was going to continue to increase at an alarming rate. We do not receive money from the state whenever it comes to salaries for county employees. The only one we receive any kind of reimbursement for is our county EM director, everyone else is our employee to pay. We receive a salary schedule from DLG for some of our elected offices that states what we are required to pay offices such as judge executive, sheriff, county clerk and jailer but we have to figure out how to pay and how much to pay our employees.

In the budget that we will begin operating within on July 1, 2022, we have included a 5% cost of living raise for our employees. NO elected official will receive a 5% raise, only our county employees. We are hopeful that this will help ease the burden for each employee.

We do not have the amount of tax money that many of our neighboring counties do to work with, so a 5% raise took a lot of work. I appreciate the work that our Finance Officer, County Treasurer and Fiscal Court put into getting this into the budget.

At the end of the day, I am still excited about many things that are coming to Jackson County this year. RV Camping, a splashpad, park improvements, the county fair and the excitement around adventure tourism are just a few things we will see take center stage this year. May God bless our county as we look ahead.

Sheriff
family is why I have tried to focus on the security of elderly people throughout my time as sheriff. Our youth and our elderly are the most vulnerable groups

in our area. They have little control over their own lives and are at the mercy of their families and friends to help them. Everyone deserves a chance to grow old with dignity, free from mistreatment by people who would do them harm. If you need help or assistance, please contact our office. We will do our best to help.

Thieves always go for the most easily accessible objects. Vehicles parked near the road, homes that are unoccupied and unlocked, buildings that are unsecured and homes that remain unlocked are prime locations for thefts and burglaries. Do not make it easy for outlaws to take advantage of you. Take an active role in the security of your property and the safety of your family.

Last week, the Jackson County Sheriff's Office responded to one-hundred and thirty-three calls for service. We made one criminal arrest, opened one criminal case, and investigated seven traffic accidents. Our court security team does a fabulous job, and everyone is trying to meet the needs of the people. Thank you for your support and your prayers for our safety.

Care
staff some of the tables and be available to answer questions about what it's like to volunteer in different roles and programs.

"We'll have volunteers there who work at our Compassionate Care Center, others who help at our Berea office or with bereavement, and some who accept patient and family support assignments in our home hospice and home palliative programs," said Smith. "Some directly support patients and families, while others help with more clerical or administrative tasks. We even have occasional remote volunteer work available."

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Award
Thank you for your commitment to continually improving and providing excellent care to every patient, every time they walk in our doors.

The 20th annual What's Right in Health Care® event is a place for healthcare leaders to convene and celebrate with peers, reignite the passion for the work they do, strategize for success, and benchmark against the best in the industry. Selections for this award were based off clients who showcased excellent outcomes and innovations throughout this very challenging year.

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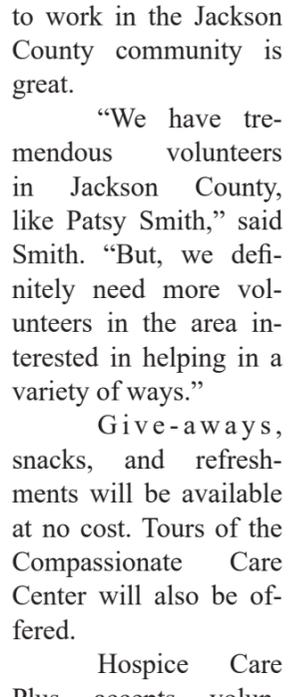
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2021 Kentucky Drug Overdose Report Available
Increased use of fentanyl largest contributor to rise in death toll

FRANKFORT, Ky. (June 13, 2022) – Today, the Commonwealth of Kentucky released the 2021 Drug Overdose Report which indicates that 2,250 Kentuckians died from drug overdoses in 2021, a 14.5% increase compared with the year prior. More than 107,000 overdose deaths were reported in the United States between December 2020 to December 2021.

According to cases autopsied by Kentucky's Office of the State Medical Examiner and toxicology reports submitted by Kentucky coroners, the rise in the death toll was driven largely by an increased use in fentanyl which accounts for approximately 70% of all overdose deaths for the year. Additionally, the increase in overdose deaths was worsened by the widespread availability of potent inexpensive methamphetamine.

"Here in the commonwealth, we have been fighting a long battle against the opioid epidemic. This public health crisis has torn families apart and taken the lives of far too many Kentuckians, far too soon," Gov. Andy Beshear said. "Every day we must work together to fund recovery programs and treatment options so that we can continue to address this scourge and get our people the help they need."

The 2021 Overdose Fatality Report, released by the Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet and the Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP), compiled data from the Office of the State Medical Examiner, the Kentucky Injury Prevention & Research Center and the Kentucky Office of Vital Statistics.

"The drug epidemic is not a Kentucky issue or political issue, but a nationwide issue that is affecting everyone and every state," said ODCP Executive Director Van Ingram. "Our focus over this next year will be on increasing access to clinical care for those suffering from an addiction and offering more harm reduction measures."

Since his appointment as Secretary of the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, Kerry Harvey has made it clear that fighting the drug epidemic while reducing the stigma around it is a top priority.

"The Justice and Public Safety Cabinet has been and remains committed to those struggling with addiction and their families," said Secretary Harvey. "The safety of all Kentuckians is one of the issues at the heart of this problem. We are working to provide help to all those affected by drug addiction, especially those who are seeking to go into recovery."

Through partnerships across state government, including the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, the Beshear-Coleman administration is diligently working to provide wider and easier access to recovery, reduce addiction and prevent reincarceration of offenders. These programs will help continue the fight against the drug epidemic in Kentucky while providing help for those who need it.

One June 13th, the Governor announced that Kentucky is working to establish counties as "Recovery Ready Communities" in an effort to help individuals fighting an addiction receive critical resources at no cost, and work to reduce the ongoing public health crisis that is sweeping across the nation. This is in response to Gov. Beshear signing House Bill 7 last year, which ensures communities are recovery-ready through the availability of high quality recovery programs offered within their area.

HB 7 created the Advisory Council for Recovery Ready Communities within ODCP, who is partnering with Volunteers of America to launch a Recovery Ready Community Certification Program for cities and counties to apply for upon offering transportation, support groups, recovering meetings and employment services at no cost to residents currently seeking treatment for a drug or alcohol addiction.

During the 2022 legislative session, Gov. Beshear continued his work to champion legislation to fight the epidemic and ensure necessary support is available to those who are struggling with addiction. The Governor worked with a bipartisan group of state leaders to act on recommendations made by The Pew Charitable Trusts on how to best address the opioid crisis. This includes signing Senate Bill 90 into law to provide eligible individuals an alternative to receive treatment for a behavioral health disorder instead of incarceration, expand recovery-ready housing as well as access to treatment for pregnant and parenting people in rural areas.

Treatment Resources
Call the KY Help Call Center at 833-8KY-HELP (833-859-4357) to speak one-on-one with a specialist who can connect Kentuckians to treatment.

Visit findhelpnowky.org to find information about available space in treatment programs and providers based on location, facility type and category of treatment needed.

Visit the KSP website to find one of KSP's 16 posts where those suffering from addiction can be paired with a local officer who will assist with locating an appropriate treatment program. The Angel Initiative is completely voluntary, and individuals will not be arrested or charged with any new drug violations if they agree to participate in treatment.

Kentucky Public Retirees Meeting

The Cumberland Valley Chapter of the Kentucky Public Retirees (KPR) will meet Monday June 27, 2022 at David's Steak House in Corbin, Kentucky. Mealtime will begin at 11:30 AM with the meeting to follow. The guest speaker will be House District 86 state Representative Tom O'Dell Smith. Retirees (and spouses) receiving retirement benefits from KERS, CERS, or SPRS are welcome to attend. Membership information will be available at the meeting or on the website (kentuckypublicretirees.org).

For more information call 606-260-0490.

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Friday & Saturday 12-8

Sunday 12-6

Steak * Chicken * Shrimp

Rotisserie Chicken

Turkey * Meatloaf * Chicken N Dumplings

Beef Roast with Potatoes and Carrots

Soup Beans * Masked Potatoes

Buttered Corn * Green Beans

Varieties of Pizza * Salad