

### ***Wind turbine ordinance receives final approval***

An ordinance aimed at tighter control over construction of such structures as wind turbines was given final approval Tuesday by county officials. During a regular meeting of Mason County Fiscal Court, the second reading of Ordinance 14-04 was unanimously passed by commissioners Phil Day, Pat McKay IV, Annette Walters and Judge-Executive James L. “Buddy” Gallenstein. (<http://m.maysville-online.com> April 16, 2014)

### ***UK, Energy Cabinet Forecast Kentucky’s Energy Future***

A team of students and researchers from the University of Kentucky Department of Statistics and the UK Center for Applied Energy Research worked last summer with the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet (EEC) and the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory to evaluate energy and environmental policy under a range of potential carbon dioxide regulatory scenarios. (<http://unknown.uky.edu> April 15, 2014)

### ***Lou. and other Ky. cities recognized for ‘going green’***

Several Kentucky cities are being recognized for going green. Louisville was named the 25th “Greenest City in America” by the Environmental Protection Agency joining big cities like Los Angeles, Washington D.C. and San Francisco. The EPA chose the rankings based on the number of ENERGY STAR certified buildings in each city. Louisville has 60 including the Ageon building downtown. ([www.whas11.com](http://www.whas11.com) April 16, 2014)

### ***Kentucky funds landfill gas-to-energy project***

Kentucky Gov. Beshear has announced funding to help create an environmentally-friendly methane gas recovery system in the city of Glasgow, Ky., that will also save taxpayer dollars. The new system will harness the gas emitted from the Glasgow Regional Landfill and turn it into electricity. “This effort is the ultimate recycling project—using science and innovation to literally turn trash in to energy,” said Gov. Beshear. ([www.biomassmagazine.com](http://www.biomassmagazine.com) April 16, 2014)

### ***Kentucky Schools Recognized for Environmental Efforts***

Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear and First Lady Jane Beshear marked Earth Week in Kentucky today by congratulating several schools for efforts in energy conservation. The Governor earlier proclaimed April 15-22 as Earth Week in Kentucky. “We need our young leaders of today to be just as involved in Earth Day 2014 as their counterparts were in 1970 when we celebrated the first Earth Day,” Gov. Beshear said. ([www.usagnet.com](http://www.usagnet.com) April 16, 2014)

### ***Appeals Court upholds Obama EPA rule on toxic air emissions***

There is big news in the air quality world today. A major piece of the Obama administration’s strategy to clean up power plant pollution has survived a critical test by securing a favorable ruling before a federal appeals court. The Environmental Protection Agency in 2011 proposed rules to curb mercury, lead, arsenic and other dangerous pollutants from coal and oil burners, requiring companies like LG&E and KU Energy to install major controls on some of their plants. ([www.courier-journal.com](http://www.courier-journal.com) April 16, 2014)

### ***DOE opens up to \$4B in loan support for renewable energy development***

In support of the Administration’s all-of-the-above energy strategy, the Department of Energy issued a draft loan guarantee solicitation today for innovative renewable energy and energy efficiency projects located in the U.S. that avoid, reduce, or sequester greenhouse gases. When finalized, the solicitation is expected to make as much as \$4 billion in loan guarantees available to help commercialize technologies that may be unable to obtain full commercial financing. ([www.pennenergy.com](http://www.pennenergy.com) April 16, 2014)

Kentucky Retail Fuel Prices (Dollars per gallon)

Product	4/17/2014	4/10/2014	4/3/2014	3/27/2014	Year Ago
<b>Gasoline (State avg.)</b>	\$ 3.69	\$ 3.71	\$ 3.59	\$ 3.52	\$ 3.45
Ashland	\$ 3.72	\$ 3.76	\$ 3.63	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.44
Covington	\$ 3.83	\$ 3.84	\$ 3.70	\$ 3.68	\$ 3.57
Lexington	\$ 3.64	\$ 3.76	\$ 3.61	\$ 3.52	\$ 3.45
Louisville	\$ 3.82	\$ 3.77	\$ 3.70	\$ 3.59	\$ 3.49
Owensboro	\$ 3.61	\$ 3.59	\$ 3.49	\$ 3.45	\$ 3.35
<b>Diesel (State avg.)</b>	\$ 4.03	\$ 4.04	\$ 4.05	\$ 4.05	\$ 3.94
Ashland	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.02	\$ 4.05	\$ 3.97
Covington	\$ 4.08	\$ 4.13	\$ 4.16	\$ 4.14	\$ 3.98
Lexington	\$ 4.08	\$ 4.10	\$ 4.11	\$ 4.10	\$ 3.96
Louisville	\$ 4.03	\$ 4.05	\$ 4.06	\$ 4.07	\$ 3.94
Owensboro	\$ 4.04	\$ 4.06	\$ 4.06	\$ 4.09	\$ 3.98

Note: The record high average price for gasoline in Kentucky is \$4.089, reported on July 10, 2008.  
 Source: Gasoline (unleaded regular) & Diesel: National AAA,

Spot Prices	4/14/2014	4/7/2014	4/1/2014	3/24/2014	Year Ago
Crude Oil (Dollars per barrel) <i>West Texas Intermediate, job</i>	\$ 104.50	\$ 100.43	\$ 99.69	\$ 100.05	\$ 97.83
Natural Gas (Dollars per MMBtu) <i>Henry-Hub</i>	\$ 4.72	\$ 4.64	\$ 4.33	\$ 4.40	\$ 3.42

Source: the Wall Street Journal

Futures		May 2014	June 2014	July 2014
Crude Oil (Dollars per barrel) <i>Light Sweet Crude Oil</i>	4/16/2014	\$ 103.76	\$ 103.03	\$ 102.20
	4/9/2014	\$ 103.60	\$ 102.65	\$ 101.68
	4/2/2014	\$ 99.62	\$ 98.90	\$ 98.04
Natural Gas (Dollars per MMBtu) <i>Henry-Hub</i>	4/16/2014	\$ 4.53	\$ 4.55	\$ 4.59
	4/9/2014	\$ 4.59	\$ 4.62	\$ 4.62
	4/2/2014	\$ 4.36	\$ 4.40	\$ 4.44
Propane (Dollars per gallon) <i>Mt Belvieu (OPIS)</i>	4/16/2014	\$ 1.13	\$ 1.13	\$ 1.13
	4/9/2014	\$ 1.11	\$ 1.11	\$ 1.11
	4/2/2014	\$ 1.05	\$ 1.06	\$ 1.06
Coal (Dollars per ton) <i>Central Appalachian</i>	4/16/2014	\$ 61.55	\$ 61.63	\$ 62.50
	4/9/2014	\$ 60.39	\$ 60.45	\$ 61.80
	4/2/2014	\$ 59.38	\$ 60.10	\$ 60.85

Source: CME Group

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