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Governor's visit brings funds for clean water



ABOVE: Gov. Andy Beshear speaks to crowd gathered in the fiscal courtroom at the Muhlenberg County Courthouse on March 23. BELOW: Gov. Beshear speaks with County Clerk Crystal Smith and others. (Leader-News photos/Stacie Barton)

By STACIE BARTON
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Governor Andy Beshear made a stop in Muhlenberg County on March 23 on a tour of counties distributing funds for cleaner water throughout the commonwealth. Funded by the American Rescue Plan Act, the Better Kentucky Plan and its Cleaner Water Program awarded funds to water districts across the county.

Gov. Beshear presented a total of nearly \$1.2 million to six water districts in Muhlenberg County at the Muhlenberg County Courthouse. Each district was award-

ed just over \$187,400 for a variety of projects.

A crowd gathered in the hallway and packed into the fiscal court chamber at the courthouse to show support for the governor, as he spoke about the devastating tornado and its aftermath. "You all showed us what being amazing human beings is really about, living out your faith, living out your values in the toughest of times," Gov. Beshear said. "The example you set made the rest of the world stop arguing for a moment, turn towards us and express the same

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CANDIDATE CORNER



William Ward

Candidate for Muhlenberg County Sheriff



I, William Ward, am pleased to announce my candidacy in the upcoming sheriff's election. I reside in Bremen with my wife, Lindsay, and son, Graden. I am the son of Dale and Ramona Ward of Bremen and the grandson of the late Ed and Betty Ward of Bremen and the late Bill and Joanna Geary of Mormon. My in-laws are Roger and Debbie Heltsley of Greenville and Dee Brown of Cadiz. I graduated from Muhlenberg North High School in 2001.

I have served the citizens of Muhlenberg County for 18 years as a law enforcement officer since

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High school athletic director charged with harassment

By STACIE BARTON
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Muhlenberg County High School athletic director Jerry Hancock was charged on March 24 with two counts of harassment by Greenville Police, after a complaint was filed on March 23.

The charges stem from a Nov. 30, 2021 incident when Hancock allegedly subjected a student to unwanted physical contact during a school sports activity.

Muhlenberg County Public Schools conducted an investigation into the allegations immediately and with the student's safety as their main concern, Greenville Police said in a statement. State law requires school officials to immediately report certain incidents to law enforcement, but this incident did not mandate immediate reporting, the



Jerry Hancock

statement said.

According to the Kentucky Revised Statute 158.154, a principal has a duty to report certain acts to local law enforcement, including assault resulting in serious physical injury, a sexual offense, kidnapping, assault involving a weapon, possession of a firearm, damage to property, or possession of a controlled substance.

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The Muhlenberg County chapter of NAACP held a Freedom Fund Banquet on March 26. Long-time member Annie Bard, at right, was presented with Member of the Year by her daughter, Diana Gregory. More on A-2. (Leader-News photo/Stacie Barton)

Board of Education sets end of school dates, begins superintendent search

By STACIE BARTON
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Muhlenberg County Public Schools will have their last day for students on May 16, with graduation on May 13, as long as the General Assembly supports a motion to give school districts credit for days missed due to the December tornadoes.

Schools here missed five days due to the tornado that devastated areas around Bremen on Dec. 10, 2021.

The district is banking on those missed days being allotted back, which would make the last day of school May 16. Muhlenberg County High School principal Donna Bumps said grad-

uation would be held the previous Friday, which means the Class of 2022 will walk on May 13.

Superintendent Robby Davis brought the matter to the board of education during a special called meeting on March 25.

Davis said getting the board to approve calendar changes now would allow the district to move

ahead with closing day plans immediately after the General Assembly passes the motion as part of a consent agenda.

If the legislators don't allow tornado-impacted districts to count the days missed due to the disaster, then the board of education will have to meet again to approve further changes to the calendar.

The board also approved steps to move forward in searching for a new superintendent, after Davis recently announced he would be retiring. This includes approving a contract

with the Kentucky School Boards Association for assistance with the search for a new superintendent, and an overall search plan. Davis will retire as of June 30, 2021.



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Muhlenberg County NAACP holds Freedom Fund Banquet

The Muhlenberg County chapter of the NAACP held an awards banquet on March 26 at the Central City Convention Center. The event was a return to annual events the organization held for years, ending more than a decade ago.

Honored at the banquet were several members of the community. A Lifetime Achievement award was presented to Bibb's Funeral Home in Greenville for their continued service to the community. The funeral home is one of the oldest Black-owned businesses in the county. Sisters Dorothy Bibbs-Kendrick and Berna Bibbs-Snipes accepted the award, presented by La-Rese Davis.

Cassie Reynolds presented the Making a Difference award to her son, JR Reynolds. Reynolds is a college basketball coach and held a free camp in Muhlenberg County last August.

The NAACP Member of the Year went to Annie Bard. Bard is a long-time member and past president of the organization. The award was presented by her daughter, Diana Gregroy.

A Memorial Award was presented to the family of Rep. Brent Yonts. Yonts was a long-time member of the organization, a state representative and lawyer in Muhlenberg County. He passed away last year, and his family gathered to accept the honor.



Dorothy Bibbs-Kendrick and Berna Bibbs-Snipes accepted the award for Lifetime Achievement at the NAACP banquet.



Making a Difference Award went to JR Reynolds.



The Memorial Award went to Brent Yonts. His family gathered to accept the honor, from left to right: wife Jan Yonts, daughter Ellen Yonts Suetholz, sister Susan Wells and brother-in-law Scott Wells. (Leader-News photos/Stacie Barton)

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Keynote speaker was Megan Bailey of Kentuckians for the Commonwealth



Janet Cunningham sings "Lift Every Voice".



Chapter president Dr. Brittney Hernandez-Stevenson spoke to the crowd.

WWA wrestler dies in Central City car wreck

Central City Police responded to a collision involving two vehicles on South Second Street and the westbound ramp to the Western Kentucky Parkway on March 24. According to a statement by police, Logan Roettger was located inside his vehicle with obvious serious physical injuries. Roettger, 28, was transported from the scene by helicopter to a hospital in Nashville for medical treatment, where he succumbed to his injuries. Roettger was from

Evansville, Indiana, and was an active member of the World Wrestling Alliance, where he wrestled under the name "Logan Legit". According to an emotional video posted by WWA founder Chris Waddell, Roettger was leaving Central City after a meeting with Waddell. Waddell said Roettger loved performing for the audience, and represented the best in the business. "He lived for performing for you," he said.

GOVERNOR'S VISIT: Continued from FRONT

love back that we are showing for one another." Gov. Beshear said he was there for some good news, to give grants to local utilities. "Clean drinking water isn't left and right, it's not red or blue," Beshear said. "It's just good for our families."

Central City Municipal Water and Sewer was presented \$187,437 for water system improvements including rehabilitation and painting of one of the city's oldest water tanks, demolition of the Stringtown Road water tank, and installation of tank mixing systems to improve water quality.

Greenville Utilities Commission will use their \$187,437 to replace copper and lead water service lines in the community.

The City of Drakesboro will use their grant funds for water system improvements, including rehabilitation of their existing water tank.

In Powderly, the city plans to use their funds to rehabilitate their lift station.

Muhlenberg County Water District #1, located in Greenville, will be rehabilitating the Lake Malone water storage tank. Muhlenberg County Water District #3, located in Bremen, will make improvements to their water tank and add a booster pump station.

Gov. Beshear took a

moment to talk about economic development in the state, touting record-breaking investment in the state. On an average year, Kentucky sees about \$5 billion in private sector investment. In 2021, there was more than \$11 billion invested and 18,000 new jobs, he said.

This is largely due to the largest investment in Ford's history of nearly \$6 billion in the BlueOvalSK Battery Park, making Kentucky the forefront in electric vehicle battery production in the United States.

Gov. Beshear said that in the past 15 years, Kentucky has received poor marks from bond rating agencies, which makes it harder for economic development and attracting new industry. Since January 2007, he said the state's economy has been rated as "poor" or "stable".

"Three weeks ago, for the first time in 15 years, S&P upgraded Kentucky's economic outlook to 'positive,'" Gov. Beshear said.

"I am here with the hopeful message that we have arrived," the governor said. "This is our time, when we can do good things for our family, not worry about anybody's party, not worry about the red and the blue, not worry about moving something to the right or left, but just to move the state forward."

HARASSMENT CHARGES: Continued from FRONT

Officials say this offense did not meet those requirements.

Greenville Police said the criminal charge of harassment involves unwanted physical contact, and the unwanted physical contact in this situation did not meet the requirements under state law to be considered a sexual offense.

The charges against Hancock are a Class B misdemeanor, which carries a penalty of not more than 90 days in jail or a fine of not more than \$250. He will appear in Muhlenberg County Dis-

trict Court on April 14 for an arraignment.

Students at the high school conducted a walk-out and protest on March 25, leaving their classrooms and sitting in hallways in the school. Students expressed their support for the victim and asked Hancock not be permitted to remain on campus.

In a statement on March 28, a school official said Hancock is not currently on campus, but would not comment further on any disciplinary action the district has taken in the matter.

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Russell named to fill judicial vacancy



Judge Brian Wiggins swears in Darris Russell as District Court Judge for the 45th District. (Photo/Greg Lamb)

Former Muhlenberg County Attorney Darris Russell, of Central City, was sworn in as District Court Judge for the 45th Judicial District at a small ceremony on March 28. Russell was appointed to the position by Gov. Andy Beshear on March 25, to fill the vacancy left by the untimely death of Judge Brian Crick, who was killed in the devastating tornado on Dec. 10, 2021.

Russell served as County Attorney for more than 30 years, until he retired in 2018. He re-

ceived his juris doctor from Northern Kentucky University Salmon P. Chase College of Law.

Russell was one of three candidates selected by the Judicial Nominating Committee for the judgeship. The others were attorneys Al Miller of Central City, and Eric Stovall of Greenville.

The 45th Judicial District includes Muhlenberg and McLean counties. District Court judges handle juvenile matters, city and

county ordinances, misdemeanors, violations, traffic offenses, probate of wills, arraignments, felony probable cause hearings, small claims involving \$2,500 or less, civil cases involving \$5,000 or less, voluntary and involuntary mental commitments and cases relating to domestic violence and abuse.

Russell will serve the remainder of the unfinished term, and along with Stovall, is running for election this year to fill the judgeship for a four-year term.

Public Protection Cabinet to provide assistance for those with storm damage from December tornado

Kentucky's Public Protection Cabinet is helping with assistance, through their Department of Insurance, for those with storm damage to their homes caused by the December tornados. If you have filed a claim with your insurance company and have already paid or been assessed a deductible, the Cabinet is helping to reimburse you for that claim. For information on how to receive

these funds or to report not receiving a payment, see below for steps to contact the department.

If a claimant has not received a payment, Lisa Brown at lisa.brown@ky.gov or Angie Wallingford at angie.wallingford@ky.gov can assist. In the email, include the name of the policy holder, address, phone number, insurance company and policy number. Upload documentation from

the claim to show the deductible amount and that assistance is needed to receive a payment.

"I am so happy to see that the Public Protection Cabinet is working to help those with damage to their homes caused by the December tornados. We want to make sure that people are not losing money and the ability to get their deductible refunded is the right step. While people try to get

back to their lives before the storms it is important to give assistance to repair their homes or recover lost items," said Rep. Prunty.

If you have any further questions, Rep. Prunty can be reached during the week from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. (EST) through the toll-free message line at 1-800-372-7181. You can also contact me via e-mail at melindagibbons.prunty@lrc.ky.gov.



A trailer full of donations are unloaded by Pastor Brian Davis and volunteers from Sanctuary Church of God in Canton, Ohio and from Central City Church of God. The church held a giveaway of necessities for new parents, like diapers, baby wipes, formula and baby food on March 26 at the church. The church will host group called "Embrace Hope" meeting Tuesdays at 6 p.m. beginning on April 5. The group will provide an opportunity for parents and caregivers of special-needs children to network in a safe and supporting environment. Meetings will be held at the church, located at 804 Federal Street in Central City. (Photo/Submitted)

Scholarships awarded by Girls of GHS

The Girls of GHS announced seven scholarship recipients from the Muhlenberg County High School Class of 2022.

Those recipients are all former students of Greenville Elementary School. The individual scholarships, each worth \$1,000, will be awarded at the Girls of GHS Scholarship Reception on April 24 at Greenville United Methodist Fellowship Hall.

Recipients and the scholarships they will be receiving are: Whiteley

Corrine Stovall - Susan Countzler Carey Memorial; Mason Dean Dukes - Jeff Lovan Memorial; Lexie Paige Watkins - Jean Nofsinger Brown Memorial; Kendra Walker - Pat Melendez Memorial; James Alex Robards - Danny T. Walker Memorial; Caroline Schindler - Julie Thomson Hansen Memorial; and Dylan Thomas Niemi - Larry Sparks Memorial.

The scholarship program is funded by donations from Blackhawk alumni and friends. In

2021, an endowed fund was created with the Community Foundation of Louisville, called the Muhlenberg County, Kentucky Scholarship created by Girls of Greenville High School. Donations can be made directly to the fund by going to the Community Foundation of Louisville's website, or by mailing a check payable to CFL with the fund's name in the memo, to Community Foundation of Louisville, 325 W. Main Street, Suite 1110, Louisville, KY 40202.

The Girls of GHS are no longer establishing individual memorial scholarships. Annual dues of \$10 can be mailed to Girls of GHS, Ellen Thomas, Treasurer, 418 Hayes Street, Greenville, KY 42345. Include year of graduation, if applicable.

These funds benefit the Girls of GHS general fund which is used for civic projects and expenses. Girls of GHS, Inc. is a 501 c 3 tax-deductible organization. We are "Forever Blackhawks".

OBITUARIES

Phyllis Irene Latham

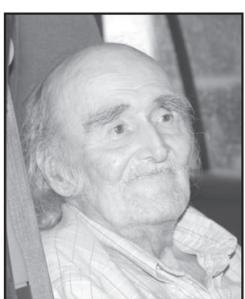
MADISONVILLE - Phyllis Irene Latham, 73, of Madisonville died Sunday, March 20, 2022, at Baptist Deaconess Hospital in Madisonville. Born September 5, 1948 in Logan Co., the daughter of the late Sherman Jenkins and the late Lorelle Crafton Joines. She was the wife of the late Cecil Latham. She was a member of Richardson Chapel General Baptist Church, in Cleaton. She was preceded in death by son, Mark Latham, brothers, Larry Jenkins and Darold Jen-

kins, sister, Betty Morris. Survivors include her son, Brian Latham of New Albany, Ind.; daughters, Tammie Lee of White Plains and Amy Jaroch of Ludowici, Ga.; brother, Freddie Jenkins of Lewisburg; five grandchildren; five great grandchildren. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 23 at 1:00 p.m. at Price Funeral Home, Inc., 252 E. Green St., Lewisburg, with Bro. Brian Haire officiating. Burial followed in Wileys Chapel Cemetery, Lewisburg.

James Kenneth Zachery

BEECH CREEK - James Kenneth Zachery, 91, of Beech Creek, died Monday, March 21, 2022, at his residence. Born October 4, 1930, in St. Louis, Missouri. He was a retired laborer with Ford Motor Company, and a member of Antioch Baptist Church. He enjoyed playing guitar, watching TV, and fishing. He was preceded in death by his parents, Guffy and Halene Zachery, and brother, Rudy Zachery.

Survivors include his wife of 36 years, Brenda Buchanan Zachery; children, Debbie (Dennis) Hayes, Timmy Zachery, and Terry Zachery; nineteen grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; sev-



eral brothers and sisters in law; and several cousins, nieces, and nephews. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 26, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at Tucker Funeral Home in Central City, with Bro. Scott Casebier officiating. Burial followed in Rose Hill Cemetery. Online condolences may be made at www.tuckerfuneralhomes.com

Sherman Earl Langley

BELTON - Sherman Earl Langley, 77, of Belton, died Thursday, March 24, 2022, at Greenville Nursing and Rehab. Born October 11, 1944, in Muhlenberg County, he was a retired coal miner with Peabody Coal Co. He was a junk man, he enjoyed visiting with friends, and he loved his family. He was preceded in death by his parents, Alvis and Mary Langley; and brother, James Langley.

Survivors include his children, Timmy (Melinda) Langley, Angela (Billy) Smith, and Michael (Kimberly) Langley; grandchildren, Natasha Rager, Megan Langley-Varvel, Kaleb Langley, Lonna Langley,



Brett Hunt, Alivia Langley, and Addison Langley; several great-grandchildren; brothers, Joe Langley, Bill Langley, and Jim Langley; sisters, Louise McElvain, Faye Daniels, and Roberta Langley. Funeral services are private. Tucker Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.tuckerfuneralhomes.com.

Mary Ann Gulley

GREENVILLE - Mary Ann Gulley, 74, of Greenville, formerly of Indianapolis, died Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at the Owensboro Health Muhlenberg Community Hospital. Born January 14, 1948, in Bardstown, the daughter of Joseph Wimsatt and Annie Ailene Nally Wimsatt. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband Ronald F. Gulley, Sr. in 1991.

Survivors include her children, Ronald F. Gulley, Jr. of Greenville, James L. Gulley of Greenville, Angela F.

Lawrence of Indianapolis, Ind. and Matthew Stamps of Greenville; seven grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; sister, Margie Brewer of Tenn.; brother, Billy Wimsatt of Fla.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 24 at 11:00 a.m. at Gary's Funeral Home in Greenville with Rev. Shane Garrett officiating. Burial followed Friday, March 25 at 11:00 a.m. at Moss Cemetery in Moss, Tenn. Online condolences to the family may be made at www.garysfuneralhome.net

Corbin Melton, Jr.

GRAHAM - Corbin Melton, Jr., 67, of Graham, died Thursday, March 24, 2022 at his residence. Born July 9, 1954, in Hazard, Kentucky, the son of Corbin Melton, Sr. and Gladys Roberts Melton. He was a member of New Life Church in Powderly and attended God's Amazing Grace Church in Morgantown. He was a UMWA coal miner for 27 years and worked at Martwick Mines until his retirement in 1998. After his retirement, he continued working at Billy Joe's Excavation in Owensboro, and Yeiser Excavating in Utica. He loved UK basketball, dirt track racing, car racing, and spending time with his family. He was preceded in death by his parents, his grandson Christian Hunter Ford in 1998, two sisters Jewell Ann Ralph and Mable Arnold, and one brother Chester Melton.

Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Dovie Mae Begley Melton of Graham; daughter, Nena (Chris) Ford of Greenville; son, Chris (Pamela) Melton of Graham; grand-



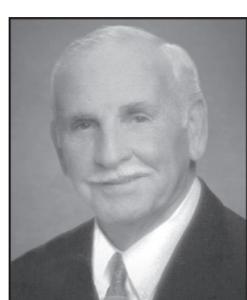
children, Kirsten Ford, Lauren Ford, Erica Melton and Chloe Melton; brothers, Tony (Kristie) Melton of Pellsville, Ky., Roger Melton of Powderly, Orliis (Charlene) Melton of Greenville and Homer (Joan) Melton of Powderly; sisters, Juanita (Donnie) Walker of Morgantown, Ruby Spradlin of Beaver Dam, Lula (Henry) Shepard of McHenry and Geneva Cornett of Fordsville.

Funeral services were held Sunday, March 27 at 2:00 p.m. at Gary's Funeral Home in Greenville with Rev. Randall Stokes officiating. Burial followed in Graham Hill Cemetery in Graham. Online condolences to the family may be made at www.garysfuneralhome.net

Wilburn Burdette Fox

CENTRAL CITY - Wilburn Burdette Fox, 88, of Central City, passed away peacefully Friday, March 25, 2022, at the Maple Manor Health Care in Greenville. Born in Burnsville, N.C. to the late Jim and Lizzie (Cordellia) Fox. He was a Navy Veteran serving in Korea and superintendent with Greenville Rock Quarry and later with Vulcan Materials. In addition to his parents, Wilburn is preceded in death by his wife, Hilda Faye (Hughes) Fox; daughter, Joyce Ann Fox; son, Danny Lee Fox; three brothers, Tamage Fox, James "Junior" Fox, and Phillip Fox; and four sisters, Irene McIntosh, Nina Winters, Maude Gibbs, and Nell Black.

Those left behind to cherish Wilburn's memory are his two sons, Tony Fox (Kathy) of Central City and Larry Fox (Della) of Russellville; two daughters, Patsy Dyke (David) of Greenwood, S.C. and Shelia Fox (Linda) of Beechmont; a sister Wanda Hughes (Sherman) of Burnsville, N.C.; six cherished grandchildren, Shannon, Charlie Mack, Jonathan, Trevor,



Ashley and Hunter; and six precious great grandchildren, Dylan, Logan, Allie Brooke, Tinley, Teagan, and Tyla.

Funeral services to celebrate Wilburn's life were held Monday, March 28, 2022 in the chapel of Westmorland Funeral Home in Marion, N.C. at 2:00 p.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Randy Ouzts officiating. Burial followed at McDowell Memorial Park. Those serving as pallbearers were Trevor Fox, Jonathan Fox, Shannon Adams, Charlie Mack Adams, Logan Adams, Paul Hughes, and Burdette Smith.

Westmoreland Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.westmorelandfuneralhome.com.

Jason Luke Wilson

CENTRAL CITY - Jason Luke Wilson, 22, of Central City, died Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at his residence. Born January 2, 2000, in Muhlenberg County. He was a cook at McDonald's. Jason had a giving heart. He loved his little brother, Nolan, who was his whole world. He enjoyed collecting knives and guns, fishing, and he loved his Dr. Pepper. He was preceded in death by his mamaw, Penny Wilson.

Survivors include his parents, Jason and Kimberly Wilson; brothers, Dustin Wilson, Phillip Wilson, Seth Wilson, and Nolan Wilson; sister, Jayla Clover; paternal grandparents, Willis and Veronica Blanchard; maternal grandparents, Keith and Sharon Shemwell; great-grandparents, Paul and Frances Uzzle; aunts, Julie (Jason) Robertson, Leah Stanley, Keisha Shemwell, and Virginia (Steven) Burris; uncles, Shannon (Gigi) Shemwell, Josh



(Brandi) Shemwell, and Nathan (Tiffany) Shemwell; nephews, Abel, Dayton, Remington, Jonah, and Rhett; and his special McDonald's family.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 26, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. at Tucker Funeral Home in Central City, with Sharon Shemwell officiating. Burial followed in Rose Hill Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to Jason Wilson Memorial Fund, c/o Tucker Funeral Home, P.O. Box 548, Central City, KY 42330. Online condolences may be made at www.tuckerfuneralhomes.com.

Teresa Gail Pharis

BREMEN - Teresa Gail Pharis "Mom", 55, of Bremen, died Thursday, March 24, 2022, at Nortons Brownsboro Hospital in Louisville. Born June 17, 1966, in Madisonville, the daughter of Jimmy "Big Jim" Vincent, Sr. and Anna Moore "Snookie" Vincent. She was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include her husband of 39 years, Estil Pharis; children, Glean Pharis, Gary Pharis, and Amanda Humphries; six grandchildren; brothers and sister, Jeff Vincent, Jimmy Vincent, Jr., and Dianne Whitmer; sever-

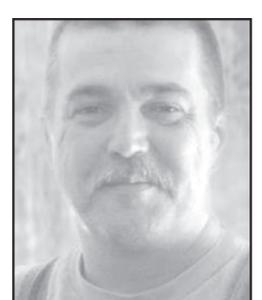
al nieces and nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews; as well as several brothers and sisters in law.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 28, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. at Tucker Funeral Home in Central City, with Bro. Mike Neal officiating. Burial followed in Cedar Grove Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to Teresa Pharis Memorial Fund, c/o Tucker Funeral Home, P.O. Box 548, Central City, KY 42330. Online condolences may be made at www.tuckerfuneralhomes.com.

Michael Shawn Moore

CENTRAL CITY - Michael Shawn Moore, 51, of Central City, died Friday, March 25, 2022, at Owensboro Health Regional Hospital. Born April 20, 1970, in Muhlenberg County. He was a self-employed truck driver, and a member of South Carrollton Missionary Baptist Church. He enjoyed spending time with his family, camping, and fishing. He was very creative and enjoyed woodworking. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Kayleigh Moore; and son, Michael Dewayne Moore.

Survivors include his wife, Kimberly Gerkin Moore; children, Nikki (Jen) Lundberg, Jonathan (Shawna) Moore, and Jennifer Moore; nine grandchildren; father, Michael (Christy) Moore; mother, Sheila (Dennis) Pendley; brothers, Jimmy (Talisha) Moore and Gary (Nicole) Bozeman; sisters, Shana Skinner,



Nikki (Dave) Saulsberry, and Brandy Hargis; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 28, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. at Tucker Funeral Home in Central City, with Bro. Roger Heltsley officiating. Burial followed in Rose Hill Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to Michael Shawn Moore Memorial Fund, c/o Tucker Funeral Home, P.O. Box 548, Central City, KY 42330. Online condolences may be made at www.tuckerfuneralhomes.com

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OBITUARIES

Gerald D. LeGrand

BEECHMONT — Gerald D. LeGrand, 55, of Beechmont, died Friday, March 25, 2022, at Owensboro Health Muhlenberg Community Hospital. Born May 16, 1966, in Muhlenberg County. He was a custodian for the Muhlenberg County School System. He loved his family, and he enjoyed fishing and being around animals. He was a jokester who had a contagious laugh. He was preceded in death by his father, Gerald Davis LeGrand.

Survivors include his wife, Reba Roberts LeGrand; children, Skyler LeGrand (Natasha Higgs) and Emily LeGrand (Nathan Groves); grandchildren, Noah LeGrand and Kaleb Groves; brother, Shawn (Marilyn) LeG-



rand; and mother, Shirley LeGrand.

Funeral services will be Thursday, March 31, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. at Tucker Funeral Home in Central City, with Bro. Chris Vaught officiating. Burial will follow in Graham Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday after 10:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at www.tuckerfuneralhomes.com.

Melissa Jill Sparks Carrier

DANVILLE — Melissa Jill Sparks Carrier, 42, of Danville, died Friday, March 25, 2022, at her residence. Born November 20, 1979, in Muhlenberg County. She was Executive Director at Charleston Healthcare, and a member of First Baptist Church in Danville. Jill was a graduate of Boyle County High School. She loved her job and had a passion and heart for her patients. She considered her employees as her work family, and the facility flourished under her direction. She loved boating, camping, and anything outdoors, and she also enjoyed shopping. She loved sports cars, and her Stingray Corvette was her "wind" therapy. She enjoyed parades and building floats with her father, Marlin. She loved Christmas and wanted Christmas trees all over the house. She sang in the church choir at Stanford Baptist Church, and was involved in the children's ministry there. She was a Kentucky Colonel, and was interested in cars and politics. She loved the American flag and what it stood for. She was a born-again Christian. Jill was preceded in death by her mother, Vic-



ki Vincent Sparks.

Survivors include her husband, Larry Carrier of Danville; sons, Cody (Krysten) Lunsford of Taylorsville, Eric (Megan) Carrier of Corbin, and Brad Carrier of Boyle County; father, Marlin (Dreama) Sparks of Somers; step-sister, Yvette Anderson of Port Orange, Fla.; niece, Bailey Kate Sparks; and step-niece, Jade Smith.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, March 30, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. at Tucker Funeral Home in Central City, with Dr. Jack Timothy Mathis officiating. Burial will follow in Fairmount Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday after 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to Gideons International. Online condolences may be made at www.tuckerfuneralhomes.com.

Larry Wayne Grise

TALLAHASSEE — Larry Wayne Grise, 71, passed away Sunday, March 6 at his home in Tallahassee with his wife at his side. Born August 11, 1950 in Drakesboro, he received a B.S. degree from Western Kentucky University in Psychology and Sociology and a Masters in Social Work from The University of Tennessee, Knoxville. They moved to Tallahassee in 1987 where he worked briefly as an adjunct instructor at Tallahassee Community College and then for the state of Florida until his retirement.

Prior to moving to Tallahassee, he worked for the Egyptian Area Agency on Aging in Carterville, Ill. where he administered programs for the elderly in southern Illinois. After his undergraduate degree, he returned to his home in

Muhlenberg County and worked as a social worker in Greenville where he met his wife Kay. They were married in 1973 and spent the next years furthering their education, traveling, and working in jobs they loved. He was preceded in death by his mother Vera Fannie Grise Haley of Drakesboro; a brother James Presley Grise from Gary Ind. and a sister Juanita Roberts from Mesa Ariz.

Survivors include his wife, Kay (Sanders) Grise of more than 48 years; brothers, Vinson Grise in Mesa Ariz. and Morris Grise of Munster Ind.; four nieces; two nephews and several great-nieces and nephews.

There will not be a local service. His ashes will be taken by his wife to Kentucky and buried at Rose Hill Cemetery in Central City.

LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Advertisement
Be advised that I have been appointed as the Warning Order Attorney for the **Unknown Spouse of Naomi Dee Miller, Defendant, in relation to a law suit filed by Lakeview Loan Stringer LLC vs. Jon M. Stringer et al in Muhlenberg Circuit Court Civil Action Number 22-CI-00061.** Please be advised that if you are a spouse of Naomi Dee Miller, the action referenced above seeks to adjudicate certain rights and interests you may have in the property described therein. If you do not respond or defend this action then your rights or interests may be adversely affected or lost entirely. You should seek counsel immediately and respond to this action immediately. Anyone having knowledge about the spouse of Naomi Dee Miller is requested to provide that information to P.O. Box 370, Greenville, Kentucky 42345, calling (270) 338-0816 or emailing rdrisk@hotmail.com. Please provide that information at the earliest possible time.

Warning Order Attorney
Ryan Driskill
Yonts, Sherman & Driskill
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LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY MUHLENBERG CIRCUIT COURT CIVIL ACTION NO. 21-CI-00437

VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC., PLAINTIFF Vs.

NOTICE OF SALE
RODNEY C. MCINTOSH, et al., DEFENDANTS
Judgment \$104,782.72

Pursuant to the Judgment of the Muhlenberg Circuit Court, the Master Commissioner will sell at the **Veteran's Mall between the Judicial Building and the Muhlenberg County Courthouse (if rain-Courthouse front porch)**, Greenville, to the highest bidder on **FRIDAY the 1st day of April, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., C.T.**

Property Address: 271 Arnett Lane, Graham, Kentucky 42344
PVA Number: 026-00-00-020.012
Deed Book 576, Page 772

All property is sold in accordance with the legal description in the Judgment.

The Sale shall be for cash or ten percent (10%) down with thirty (30) days to pay the balance, and the purchaser shall give a bond, with good surety, for the purchase price, payable to the Master Commissioner bearing interest at the rate stated in the Judgment. The purchaser shall pay the real estate taxes for the 2022 tax year and following years.

Al Miller,
Master Commissioner
428 North Second Street
Central City, Kentucky 42330
P: (270) 754-5502/
F: (270) 754-5249
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LEGAL NOTICES

The following Estates have been Probated and Fiduciary appointments made in the Muhlenberg District Court. Creditors are notified that all claims against said estates must be filed within six (6) months from the date of appointment.

On March 21, 2022, the estate of Billy Gene Robinson, 224 Buttermilk Road, Bremen, Kentucky 42325 to Karen Wethington, Executrix, 11120 Gore Road, Utica, Kentucky 42376. Attorney representing estate: None.

On March 24, 2022, the estate of Richard. P. Countzler, 315 East Main Cross

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Street, Greenville, Kentucky 42345 to John Taylor Countzler, Executor, 1542 Beaconsire Road, Houston, Texas 77077. Attorney representing estate: Cary Davis, P.O. Box 569, Greenville, Kentucky 42345.

On March 23, 2022, the estate of Terry Lee Brown, Sr., 625 Langley Road, Belton, Kentucky 42324 to Terry Lee Brown, Jr., Administrator, 9724 Lewisburg Road, Lewisburg, Kentucky 42256. Attorney representing estate: Randal K. Epley, P.O. Box 1103, Russellville, Kentucky 42276.

On March 24, 2022, the estate of Rondal C. Mayes, 200 Honey Lane, Greenville, Kentucky 42345 to Marilyn Smith, Executrix, 321 Sienna Drive, Chapin, South Carolina 29036. Attorney representing estate: Cary Davis, P.O. Box 569, Greenville, Kentucky 42345. 3-29c

LEGAL NOTICES

ORDINANCE NO. 202201

BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Drakesboro, Kentucky, that:

Whereas, the General Assembly has enacted legislation authorizing the city to permit and regulate the operation of a golf cart on any public roadway under its jurisdiction upon adoption of an ordinance in conformity with KRS 189.286 and specifying the roadways open for golf cart use.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF DRAKESBORO, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Definitions.
For the purpose of this ordinance, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning:

"Golf cart" means any self-propelled vehicle that:

1. Is designed for the transportation of players or maintaining equipment on a golf course, while engaged in the playing of golf, or maintaining the condition of the grounds of the golf course;

2. Has a minimum of four wheels;

3. Is designed to be operated at a speed of not more than thirty-five miles per hour;

4. Is designed to carry not more than six persons, including the driver;

5. Has a maximum gross vehicle weight of two thousand five hundred (2500) pounds; and,

6. Is equipped with the following:

a. Headlamps;

b. Tail lamps;

c. Stop lamps;

d. Front and rear turn signals;

e. One (1) red reflex reflector on each side as far to rear as practicable, and one (1) red reflex reflector on the rear;

f. An exterior mirror mounted on the driver's side of the vehicle and either an exterior mirror mounted on the passenger's side of the vehicle or an interior mirror;

g. A parking brake;

h. For each designated seating position, a seatbelt assembly that conforms to the federal motor safety standards provided in 49 CFR sec. 571.209; and,

i. A horn that meets the requirements of KRS 189.080.

Section 2. Adoption of

KRS 189.286

In compliance with the provisions of KRS 189.286 and this ordinance, golf carts may be operated on City streets which have speed limits of thirty-five (35) miles per hour or less, including but not limited to the following designated streets, attached as Exhibit A.

Section 3. Operation Requirements

In order to be operated on such designated City streets, the operator/owner shall be required to maintain required equipment and procedures outlined in this ordinance and the golf cart shall:

1. Be issued a sticker or permit for the golf cart by the City at a charge of \$25 for the first year and \$10 per year thereafter; provided, however, issuance of a permit following and as a result of a revocation or suspension of a permit shall be at a charge of \$25. Operator must show proof of inspection before a permit will be issued.

2. Display a sticker or permit on the rear bumper that identifies the golf cart is allowed to be operated on specified highways within the City;

3. Be inspected by a certified inspector designated by the Muhlenberg County Sheriff's office and certified through the Department of Vehicle Registration to ensure that the golf cart complies with the requirements of this section. The inspection fee under this paragraph shall be five dollars (\$5), with an additional fee of ten dollars (\$10) if it becomes necessary for the certified inspector to travel to the site of the golf cart rather than having the golf cart brought to the Sheriff's inspection area. Inspection shall occur at the Muhlenberg County Sheriff's office or at such other site as designated by the certified inspector.

4. Display a slow-moving emblem in compliance with KRS 189.820;

5. Be insured in compliance with KRS 304.39-080 by the owner or operator, and the proof of insurance shall be inside the golf cart at all times of operation on a public roadway;

6. Be operated only between 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., unless there is a City sponsored event on a particular day or days, in that event, golf carts may be operated from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.;

7. Be operated by a person with a valid driver's license in his or her possession;

8. Be outfitted with headlights and taillights which shall be operated at all times;

9. Not be operated on a sidewalk.

Section 6. Exempted Golf Carts

The provisions of these sections shall not apply to a golf cart that is not used on a public roadway except to cross a roadway while following a golf cart path on a golf cart

Section 7. Penalty

Any person, violating the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction of a first offense, be fined not less than \$100, nor more than \$250. Any person convicted of a subsequent violation of this ordinance, within five (5) years of a prior conviction under this ordinance, shall be fined not less than \$250 nor more

than \$500. Upon an individual's third conviction hereunder, the individual's permit shall be revoked for three (3) years in addition to any fine. Failure to pay any fine within thirty (30) days due to a violation of this ordinance shall result in suspension of his/her permit.

The Clerk of the City shall cause this ordinance to be filed as part of its ordinances.

Passed and effective this the 21 day of March, 2022.

Mike Jones, Mayor
City of Drakesboro, Kentucky

Attest:

Sandy Goff

City Clerk

FIRST READING: 2-21-22

SECOND READING: 3-21-22

PUBLICATION: 3-29-22

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LEGAL NOTICES

The Muhlenberg County Board of Education is currently accepting sealed bids for asphalt resealing and striping of parking lots for Muhlenberg County High School located at 501 Robert Draper Way, Greenville, Ky. 42345.

•Student Parking Lot- to include numbering of parking spaces

•Bus Parking Lot- to include numbering of parking spaces

•Loop at Front entrance

More information is available at the Maintenance Department. Please phone (270)338-4631.

Sealed bids will be due by 2:00 p.m. on Friday, April 22, 2022 to Muhlenberg County Board of Education located at 510 W. Main Street, Powderly, Ky. 42367.

Muhlenberg County Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids. 4-5c

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* * NOTICE * *

Inspection and Certification of the ABSENTEE/PRECINCT voting machines/ballots/supplies/etc. by the Muhlenberg County Board of Election for the 2022 Primary Election will take place in the Office of the Muhlenberg County Clerk, located at 100 South Main Street, Greenville, KY on Tuesday, April 19th, beginning at 4:15 PM.



DISTRICT COURT

The following fines were recently handed down in Muhlenberg County District Court:

- Melissa Bourne, four counts of theft by deception including cold checks, \$805.51
- Melissa Bourne, theft by unlawful taking or disp. shoplifting, \$368.81, banned from Walmart
- Craig Alexander Green, speeding; DUI 2nd with aggravator; possession of marijuana; buy/possess drug paraphernalia, \$1,158, 28 days home incarceration, drivers license suspended for 18 months, drivers license suspended for 18 months
- James Lee Mackey, public intoxication controlled substance (excludes alcohol), \$293, 10 days in jail
- William P. Humphries, driving on DUI suspended license, \$383, 30 days in jail
- Paul E. Clark, speeding; reckless driving, \$173
- Cristobal Hernandez, speeding, \$203
- Lori Ann English, careless driving; no/expired registration plates; no/expired Kentucky registration receipts; failure to produce insurance card, \$293
- Jamie N. Hawkins, speeding; operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$373
- Byron Scott Mefford, theft by unlawful taking or disp. shoplifting, \$383.41, 20 days in jail
- James Allen Ralph, speeding; reckless driving; no operators/moped license, \$407
- Bonnie S. Reese, theft by unlawful taking or disp. shoplifting; second degree criminal trespassing, \$598
- Lloyd P. Sorrels, violation part 390 federal safety regulations, general policy; violation part 392, federal safety regulations, driving of motor vehicle; pt 393, federal safety regulations, parts needed for safe operation; part 396 federal safety regulations inspect/repair/maintenance, \$343
- Sandra N. Coy, second degree possession of controlled substance (drug unspecified); second degree promoting contraband, \$493
- Rachel Knoll, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt; no/expired registration plates; failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, \$448
- Brennan Mathis, operating on suspended/revoked operators license; no/expired Kentucky registration receipt; no/expired registration plates; failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, \$603
- John Patrick Brackett, reckless driving, \$243
- Hans Andresen, failure to produce insurance card; operating motor vehicle under the influence of substance, \$903, drivers license suspended for 6 months

- John Arthur DeLeon, disregarding stop sign; failure to or improper signal; improper display of registration plates; failure to wear seat belts; failure to produce insurance card; operating motor vehicle under the influence of substance, \$878, drivers license suspended for 6 months
- Timothy Ryanlee Jarvis, theft by unlawful taking or disp. shoplifting; public intoxication controlled substance (excludes alcohol); third degree possession of controlled substance (drug unspecified); first degree possession of controlled substance (drug unspecified); third degree criminal trespassing; controlled substance prescription not in original container, \$593, banned from all Walmart's, 30 days in jail
- Elizabeth Dora Perdue, no/expired registration plates; no expired registration receipt, \$193
- Jose Rodrigues, operating vehicle with expired operators license, \$203
- Tabitha Fuller, theft by deception, \$348.67
- David Anthony St. Clair, alcohol intoxication in public place, third or greater offense, \$338, 10 days in jail
- Morris Richard Hocker, public intoxication controlled substance (excludes alcohol); second degree disorderly conduct, \$498
- Amanda Lopez, receiving stolen property, \$393
- Michael C. Piper, public intoxication controlled substance (excludes alcohol); second degree, fleeing or evading police; two counts endangering the welfare of a minor; giving officer false identifying information, \$363, 30 days in jail
- David A. St. Clair, alcohol intoxication in a public place; second degree disorderly conduct; resisting arrest; third degree terroristic threatening, \$393, 20 days in jail
- Damien Edwards, second degree possession of controlled substance (drug unspecified); controlled substance prescription not in original container, \$393
- Krystal Ann Marie Medina, public intoxication controlled substance (excludes alcohol), \$50
- Marlaynea Gossett, public intoxication controlled substance (excludes alcohol), \$293
- Morris R. Hocker, public intoxication controlled substance (excludes alcohol); buy/possess drug paraphernalia, \$443, 30 days in jail
- Anthony Wayne Hunt, operating on suspended/revoked operators license; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/substance, \$425, 10 days in jail

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property transfers were recently recorded in Muhlenberg County:

- Trula Branon and Dan Howard Branon property to Matthew S. Baker
- Jennifer Lynn Sears, William Earl Sears and Trustees of Dorothy Nell Stirsman Irrevocable Trust property to Quintin J. Whitehouse
- Quintin Whitehouse and Kristi B. Whitehouse property to Barry Zoellick II and Tori Zoellick
- April Dawn Hinson, Allan Wade Hinson, Melvin Joe Foster and Lisa Gail Foster property to Melvin Joe Foster and Lisa Gail Foster
- James L. McIntosh property to Pennyrile Narcotics Task Force
- Daniel King property to Amber L. Campbell
- Chester Thomas property to Jerry D. Graham and Ronnie Joe Graham
- Richard Don Adcock and Beverly Shae Adcock property to Clay West
- Clayton West property to Richard Don Adcock and Beverly Shae Adcock
- Andrew Gingerich and Jinky Gingerich property to Chase Rogers
- Robin Wayne Wolfe, Robin Wolfe and Vicky Joyce Wolfe property to Pegge Lynn Coffman and James Timothy Coffman
- Willow Creek Community MHP LLC property to Doris Lambert
- Willow Creek Community MHP LLC property to AMH Rentals LLC

- City of Powderly property to Powderly Associates LTD
- Baxter Camplin, Jr. property to AMH Rentals LLC
- Richie William Webster property to Samuel Todd Vincent
- Candace Sherman and Paul D. Sherman property to Candace Sherman
- Benjamin Ross Burden and Harlee Burden property to Gary L. Hendricks and Kimberly G. Hendricks
- Cherry Hill Pointe LLC property to Gods Pit Crew Inc.
- Cherry Hill Pointe LLC property to Autumn Hardin
- Dominic Colby Meister and Cherish Nichole Meister property to Shaunmichael Keaton Vanhook and Kori L. Vanhook
- Katina Marie Henson and Estate of Timothy G. Henson property to AMH Rentals LLC
- Barbara Arnold, Ray Edward Arnold, Lisa Lannette Arnold, Michael Grant Killingsworth, Jr., Monica Killingsworth property to Ray Edward Arnold and Lisa Lannette Arnold
- Anna Elizabeth Rhoades and David Rhoades Attorney-in-fact property to Devin L. Weatherford
- Georgia M. Wade property to Jonathan David Tingle and Teresa Tingle
- Jonathan David Tingle and Teresa Tingle property to Michael W. Underwood and Cynthia Underwood

MARRIAGES

The following marriages were recently recorded in Muhlenberg County:

- Ashley Lynn Andrews, 36, of Drakesboro and Nathan Lee Andrews, 35, of Drakesboro
- Celena Lynn Felty, 24, of Greenville and Shane McGehee, 52, of Greenville
- Lori Beth Heady, 31, of Greenville and John Edward Cupp, 46, of Greenville

- Dusty Lee Byrd, 45, of Central City and Christopher David Jarvis, 47, of Central City
- Anisa Raeann Greer, 26, of Beechmont and Matthew Ryan Miller, 22, of Beechmont
- Teresa Faye Young, 57, of Powderly and Michael Todd Markwell, 57, of Powderly
- April Dawn Hinson, 41, of Central City and Kevin Wayne Tucker, 42, of Central City

Around Muhlenberg



Annie L. Bard
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Psalms 58

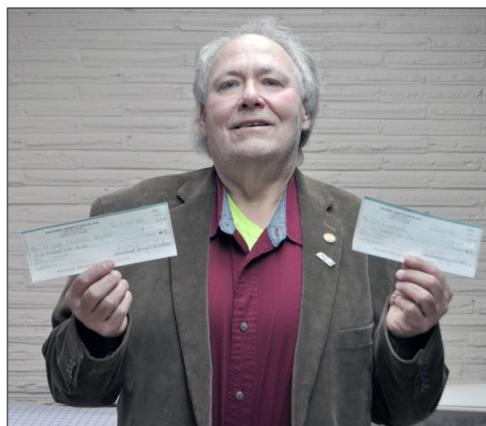
Do ye indeed speak righteousness, O congregation? do ye judge uprightly, O ye sons of men?
 2 Yea, in heart ye work wickedness; ye weigh the violence of your hands in the earth.
 3 The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies.
 4 Their poison is like the poison of a serpent: they are like the deaf adder that stoppeth her ear;
 5 Which will not hearken to the voice of charmers, charming never so wisely.
 6 Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth: break out the great teeth of the young lions, O Lord.
 7 Let them melt away as waters which run continually: when he bendeth his bow to shoot his arrows, let them be as cut in pieces.
 8 As a snail which melteth, let every one of them pass away: like the untimely birth of a woman, that they may not see the sun.
 9 Before your pots can feel the thorns, he shall take them away as with a whirlwind, both living, and in his wrath.
 10 The righteous shall rejoice when he seeth the vengeance: he shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked.
 11 So that a man shall say, Verily there is a reward for the righteous: verily he is a God that judgeth in the earth.
 Prayers and get well

wishes for all essential workers, Mary Cheatham, Lisa Greenwood, Sharon Welborn, Pastor Michael Cunningham, Zach Talbtt, Mildred Cox, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Evans, Roy Taylor, James R. Gregory, John (Pee Wee) Saulsberry, Brenda and Claude Gregory, Pride Johnson, Elijah Whitaker, Barbara Bishop, Diana Gregory, Tonya Gregory, Minister Janet Cunningham, Homer Stevenson, Arlene Hightower, Charles Burden, Annie L. Bard, Grace Sweeney, Jr., Etta Hocker, Mrs. Dorothy Martin, Tonya Gregory, Nancy G. Walker, Marjorie Harper, Janice Hines, Mark Mayhugh, Mack Arthur Dykes, Jr., Johnnie Day, Eura Dell Johnson, Patricia Moppins, Sister Lois Evans, Martha Stevenson, Linda Johnson, Gwen Perry, Ronald (Nick) Dunn, Andrew Hawkins, Mildred Cox, Nancy Cunningham, Pastor Otis Cunningham Sr., Hannah Wells, Barbara and Hayes Shelton, Oneida and Curtis Shelton, Micky Mayfield, Tammy Hawkins, Angie Hinton, Jimmy Talbott, Ada Wimbley, Jean White, Terry Talbott, pastor Michael Cunningham, Connie Talbott, Sonja Smith, Roger Bard Jr., Aaron Lindsey, Sharon Bard, Sonya Connors, Daphne Mayfield, Vickie Hampton, Bryan Hawkins, Blanche Hawkins, Earlene Williams, Rose Talbott and the elderly, tragedies all over the world, United States of America, President Joe Biden and his cabinet, the Veterans and their families, earthquake survivors, the Haitians, tornado victims and their families, the world, all of our leaders and their families, my prayers are for all of the sick and shut-ins.

Central City Eagles donate to several causes



Central City Eagles made donations to several causes last week. The Eagles presented a check for \$500 to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, \$600 to the City of Central City for a new flag on the Western Kentucky Parkway, and a gift of \$500 to the Madisonville chapter of the Shriners. Shown here is Jimmy Arnold, president of the Eagles.



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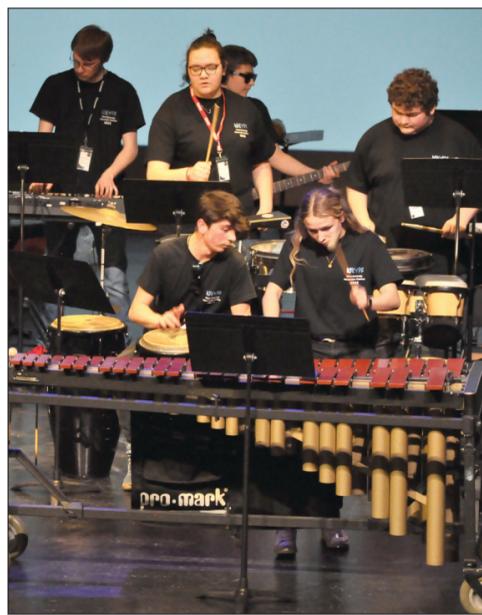
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Leader-News

Muhlenberg County High School Percussion Ensemble



Muhlenberg County High School was host to the annual West Kentucky Percussion Festival, bringing ensembles from around the region to the campus for a day of music and clinics. The evening performance included a set by the MCHS Percussion Ensemble. (Leader-News photos/Stacie Barton)



Covid levels in some counties rise and state's risk level is still relatively high

Kentucky as a whole is at lower risk from the coronavirus than it was a week ago, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. But about the same number of counties are rated at low risk, and the risk ratings increased in a few counties.

On March 24, the CDC listed 10 counties as high-risk. In those places, it still advises masks to be worn in indoor pub-

lic spaces. The number is fewer than half the 24 listed last week, but two counties, Casey and Powell, moved from medium risk to high risk.

The 52 counties rated at medium risk included Ballard, McCracken, Carlisle and Hickman, in far Western Kentucky, which moved up from low risk.

The CDC says residents in medium-risk counties who are immuno-com-

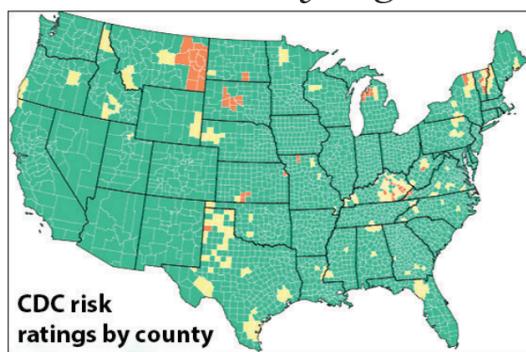
promised or at high risk for severe illness should talk to a health-care provider about "additional precautions, such as wearing masks or respirators indoors in public. If you live with or have social contact with someone at high risk for severe illness, consider testing yourself for infection before you get together and wearing a mask when indoors with them."

The number of counties

rated at low risk declined from 59 to 58. The ratings are based on new coronavirus cases, Covid-19 hospitalizations and the percentage of staffed inpatient beds occupied by Covid patients.

Kentucky remains one of the higher-risk states, according to the CDC's national map.

Kentucky Health News is an independent news service of the Institute for Rural Journalism and



CDC risk ratings by county

Community Issues, based in the School of Journalism at the University of

Kentucky, with support from the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky.

Legislative session nears end, veto overrides and debate mark last week's action

By REP. MELINDA GIBBONS PRUNTY

After adjournment on Friday, there are only four more days for the 2022 Legislative Session, including two days of concurrence on March 29th and 30th. We will return April 13th for two days to complete any unfinished business after the veto period. According to Section 42 of the Kentucky Constitution, we must Sine Die, or be finished, by April 15th.

I was blessed this week to have visitors from the district and several pages. In addition to my legislative work, I also had the opportunity to attend the KY Right to Life/

Right to Life of Louisville's annual banquet.

A conference committee of both House and Senate members continues to meet negotiating the next biennial budget.

The week started with veto overrides on HB 4, unemployment insurance reform, and SJR 150, which ended the state's COVID-19 state of emergency.

Highlights of some of the bills considered last week:

HB's 607 and 609 were follow-up bills to HB 606 that passed on March 18th. HB 607 was the result of recommendations of the Pari-Mutuel Wagering Task Force and would adjust pari-mu-

tuel taxation to be 1.5% across the board regardless if a wager is placed online, in-person, or via simulcast. There had been three different rates depending on where/how you were placing your bet. Attempts were made to raise it to 6%, but ultimately those efforts failed. It would also require the Kentucky Racing Commission to be self-funded.

HB 609 would establish the Kentucky Problem Gambling Assistance Fund as a revolving account and establish its board. It allocates a portion of resources received from a settlement with a gambling company to fund the account.

HB 9 received almost two and a half hours of debate around the topic of public charter schools. Public charter schools were established in 2017

but the funding has never been stabilized. HB 9 would codify the funding mechanism by setting in statute that funding follows the student.

HB 9 would also require the establishment of two public charter school pilot programs, one in West End Louisville and one in Northern Kentucky, two areas of the state where parents and community leaders have been asking for alternatives for their children and students for years. Pilot projects would help identify what, if any, changes are needed and could either prove or disprove public charter school's benefits before expanding across the state.

There would be no changes as to who authorizes a public charter school from current law, which are local school

boards and the mayors of Louisville and Lexington. HB 9 added a provision that would give school districts with less than 7,500 students a way to veto a public charter school appeal.

Currently, 45 states and the District of Columbia have charter school laws and more than three million students are enrolled in them across the country. While traditional public schools remain the main method of providing education in our state, we cannot ignore the fact that the traditional public school model cannot always meet the needs of every student and we need to offer other public school options for parents and students in Kentucky.

SB 1 was passed with SB 138 rolled into it, which sometimes happens at this time during the session when the clock is ticking and it is getting late to get bills across the finish line due to the hard end date. The bill sponsor agreed to it as both bills were related to education.

SB 1 as amended would restore a superintendent's ability to be the final say in the hiring of school principals after consulting with school site-based councils. It would also restore a superintendent's ability to select curriculum with the school board's approval in order for students transferring from school to school within a district to have more con-

tinuity. The pendulum continually seems to swing back and forth. Ultimately it would be good if all site based councils could meet periodically, if only annually, for a day of dialogue as a collective body with the Superintendent and the duly elected school board to discuss matters such as curriculum including parental and public input.

SB 1 would also incorporate the Teaching American Principals Act or SB 138 which would require public schools to provide instruction in social studies that aligns with a list of concepts such as "all individuals are created equal" and "Americans are entitled to equal protection under the law," among several other principles. It also includes a list of documents for the KY Department of Education to incorporate into grade-level appropriate academic standards for middle and high school social studies classes and would require that all teaching be age appropriate.

Instruction would not be limited to the list of documents or topics listed in the bill. With all that is currently going on across the country regarding the teaching of our country's history, it was felt these provisions needed to be included in statute to ensure they are covered at some point and not eliminated from our children's history education.

The Muhlenberg County Board of Education is currently accepting sealed bids for asphalt resurfacing and striping of parking lots and drives for Muhlenberg South Middle located at 2900 State Route 176, Greenville, Ky. 42345.

- Milling Edge Keys
- 2-inch Asphalt
- Sweeping & Cleaning
- Leveling & Wedging
- Striping Parking Stalls

More information is available at the Maintenance Department. Please phone (270) 338-4631.

Sealed bids will be due by 2:00 p.m. on Friday, April 22, 2022 to Muhlenberg County Board of Education located at 510 W. Main Street, Powderly, KY 42367.

Muhlenberg County Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids.



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Workshop teaches women self defense



The group learns escape techniques when someone grabs you by the wrist.

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Master Jim Johnson, a seventh degree black belt, of Muhlenberg County Tae Kwon Do, hosted a women's self defense class on March 24. This class was designed to give women the basic skills to defend themselves against unwanted advances and would-be attackers.

Muhlenberg County Sheriff William Ward was on hand and spoke about being aware of your surroundings. "Your level of alertness should increase as your situation changes," Ward said. "When at home

washing dishes, your level of alertness should be on white because there is no threat. But, when going to your car your level should elevate to yellow because your situation has changed."

Johnson stressed the importance of practicing the techniques taught in the workshop. "If you are not gonna practice these techniques they wont work when you need them. Practice is key," he said.

Johnson would like to host a class once a month. Classes are free for all women. Check the Leader-News for future workshops.



The group learns techniques for punching an assailant. (Leader-News photos/David Grant)



Sheriff Will Ward talks to the group about self defense.



Sandra Harbin shows how to strike using the heel of the hand.



Onalee Kidd, right, and daughter Elizabeth demonstrate defense against hair-pulling.



Jordan Harbin demonstrates defense techniques while on the ground.

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Gas prices rise in Kentucky last week

Average gasoline prices in Kentucky have risen 0.3 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.98/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 2,623 stations in Kentucky. Prices in Kentucky are 70.0 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand \$1.35/g higher than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Kentucky was priced at \$3.53/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$4.39/g, a difference of 86.0 cents per gallon. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$3.53/g while the highest was \$4.39/g, a difference of 86.0 cents per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline is unchanged in the last week, averaging \$4.23/g today. The national average is up 62.4 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands \$1.38/g higher than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data

compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

"The decline we've seen in average gas prices has been slowing down, as oil prices have held above \$100 after declining under that level as recently as a few weeks ago. For the future, we'll see a mix of slight decreases and some potential increases mixed in. California markets should finally cool off and areas could even move lower in Southern California, while the Great Lakes could see gas prices jump up after having fallen for the last week or so," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "While the national average should start to stabilize for the time being, there's no telling what's around the corner, at least for now, as the volatility in oil prices persists."