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Utility to pursuing BEAD funding for fiber

Rough estimates indicate \$2.3 million for the county

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Another round of funding for internet service is available through the Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment grant program, Alan Gates of Pennyrile Electric told magistrates during Monday's Trigg County Fiscal

Court meeting.

Gates said the utility will be pursuing some of that funding to continue its installation efforts.

He said a rough estimate indicates the utility will receive around \$2.3 million in BEAD funding to address some of the local fiber needs.

"(We) feel like we're in a pretty good spot to get some things done there," Gates noted.

Right now, the utility's CEO notes that Pennyrile has built 476 miles of fiber in the local community, with another 352 left to build.

Gates said Pennyrile Elec-

tric has covered four counties entirely in terms of fiber and internet service, with Trigg County among three — and the worst by far — with areas where the utility is trying to figure out how to serve those areas.

"We're certainly dedicated to trying to figure this out and getting to every member that we serve," Gates told magis-

trates earlier this week.

The Pennyrile Electric CEO observed that the utility has to have the funding in order to install the fiber, but he noted that "it hasn't come to us as clearly as we had hoped for," Gates said.

"It's just the reality of what we're dealing with," the CEO continued, adding that he

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Students make chemo port pillows for cancer patients

Project allows youth to give back to community that has supported them

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Over and over again, Carmen Boyd and her classmates picked up the fluffy, polyester fiberfill and stuffed it into the tiny bags.

Then they sewed the bags shut.

Pretty soon they had finished 81 of the chemo port pillows that will now be distributed to cancer patients in the surrounding region.

"We're always looking for ways to positively impact our community," said Boyd, one of 32 students in Trigg County High School's Family, Career and Community Leaders of America.

The youth met last week in their classroom at the high school's career and technical education facility to do their community service project.

January's project

involved making the chemo pillows, the kind of pillows that protect a cancer patient's port from a seatbelt in a vehicle.

Other efforts by the group, also known as FCCLA, have provided Thanksgiving baskets for people in need, reached out to the community's youth during Safe Night at Halloween and benefited Grace and Mercy, the Hopkinsville facility that offers a home for women in crisis.

Boyd notes that a lot of what the FCCLA students do is community-service based.

"It means that we're able to give back to the community that has helped us grow," said Celaya Irvin, who noted that the current project is really about helping to empower women.

The girls are making



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Carmen Boyd of the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America group makes a chemo port pillow last week in the Career and Technical Center at Trigg County High School.

the chemo port pillows for Journey Bags LLC, a Murray-based non-

profit that provides bags filled with items that are intended to bring comfort to patients who are

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Annexation of land being considered

Decision would expand RV park

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The Cadiz-Trigg County Planning Commission and the city of Cadiz are considering a proposal to annex land adjacent to the Cadiz RV Park.

The planning commission has announced a public hearing regarding the proposal to annex what is about 10 acres of land into the city.

The annexation would authorize an extension of the adjoining Cadiz RV Park and zone the property as B2, a commercial zoning district.

The public hearing, intended to allow residents to voice their concerns on the matter, is slated for 6 p.m. Feb. 25 at the Renaissance Center.

Commission Secretary-Treasurer Jim Mullen noted that the park's owners want to annex the some 10 acres of property next to the park.

"Right now that's county property, but we're going to annex it to the city," Mullen said.

He noted that the annexation will have to be approved by the Cadiz City Council following the public hearing before the park's owners will then be able to go ahead with their plans.

The secretary-treasurer said the property expansion will be beneficial for the community, adding more space and allowing more RVs to utilize the park that sits near Interstate 24.

The park is on North Rocky Ridge Road in Cadiz, and according to its website at

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