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Crittenden/Livingston Water Board looking to expand, new hires made

By Pat Thomann Livingston Ledger Reporter

SALEM, KY - The Crittenden/Livingston County Water District held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, January 27, 2025 at 4pm at the Drake Creek Golf Course meeting room in

The meeting was called to order by Chairman T.L. Maddux and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. The board recognized Jerry Ramar who had come to voice some issues he has had with water equipment on his property. After a brief discussion he was satisfied, for now, with the solution presented.

The board then approved the Minutes of the last regular meeting and the special called meeting and discussed the financial report and approved it also.

In old business they discussed the water plant expansion and gave an update on the Blackford Church Road where work has been completed and meters can now be installed.

In new business the board discussed they have hired a new water plant operator and they have hired Joseph Estes to read meters and they plan to hire another meter reader and a maintenance worker. The Water Plant Operators and the Field Crew were recognized for their hard work and dedication to their jobs during the cold and snowy weather. They went above and beyond their work duties to keep the plant operating smoothly and they put in many extra hours.

The board approved renewing their contract with Jessica Daniels, CPA and with Vestis for uniforms and work supplies.

In other business the board discussed the fact that they have still not received the 2023 Audit Report from Kemper, CPA Firm. This makes them delinquent in sending their report in to the state. They will send a letter to Kemper to try to expedite the report.

The board then discussed the board member appointment dates and a motion was made to retain the current board officers for another year. The meeting dates will remain as the third Monday of each month at 4 P.M. at Drake Creek. With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

2024-25 Homecoming Queen Miss Blaire Champion





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'Super speeders' bill passes Senate committee

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – The Senate and certainly by not funding this net-Transportation Committee has advanced a bill on a 7-1 vote that would levy a new \$200 fee against so-called "super speeders" in Kentucky to help fund an emergency trauma network as well as for other purposes.

Under the provisions of Senate Bill

57, a motorist would be considered a "super speeder" if convicted of driving more than 25 miles per hour over the speed limit on a state highway. Fees collected from such speeders would be used to boost Kentucky's trauma care system **Sen. Stephen Meredith**, vote, and explained why. fund, a rural hospital pres- R-Leitchfield, is the sponsor ervation fund, an emergency medical technician scholarship fund and a fund to help public schools purchase automated external defibrillators.

The bill's sponsor, Sen. Stephen Meredith, R-Leitchfield, said the measure is modeled after legislation in Georgia. He noted that the Kentucky legislature passed a bill in 2008 to establish a trauma care network, but it has never received any funding from the General Assembly.

a 7-1 vote.

"One of my frequent complaints as a legislator here is that we never measure the cost of doing nothing,

work has cost us dearly not just in terms of lives – probably during that period we lost 85,000 lives due to trauma – average about 5,000 a year." he said. "And if we had a network in place, probably conservatively, we could have saved at least 5,000 lives."

> Meredith said many trauma patients have had to leave Kentucky to receive treatment, and millions of Medicaid dollars have been spent in other

Sen. Phillip Wheeler, R-Pikeville, cast the lone no

"I think we can agree of Senate Bill 57, also known that if you're going 25 as the "super speeders" bill. miles and over in the mid-It passed a Senate panel by dle of a city, that's danger-(LRC photo) ous, and I can see a reason for a super speeder fine,"

he said. "If you're trying to get home at 10 o'clock at night, and there's nobody on a limited access highway at all, frankly I would just adopt Montana's reasonable and prudent standard. And as long as you're not being unsafe, then I don't really think you should have to pay an additional fine."

The measure now heads to the Senate floor.



2024-25 LIVINGSTON CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING COURT

First Row: Senior Queen Candidate Bree Gonzalez, Sophomore Class Representative Kaylee Williams, Freshman Class Representative Taylor Leahy, Senior Queen Candidate Blair Belcher. Second Row: Senior Queen Candidates Lillie Walls, Blaire Champion, Emersyn Ramage, Victoria Joiner, Tiffani Crawford, Patience Hopkins and Andrea Parish. Not Pictured: Junior **Class Representative Sophie Michonski.**

Man charged with assaulting referee at Lyon-Livingston game

by WKDZ • via Kentucky Today

SMITHLAND, Ky. — A Salem, Ky., man was charged following an incident at a Livingston Central basketball game last week involving Lyon County High School.

Lyon County Sheriff Brent White said he requested the Livingston County Sheriff's Office investigate an incident that occurred during the Jan.

28 game in Smithland. The incident, which was captured on video, showed a fan sitting on the Livingston Central side of the gym throw a drink bottle at a referee. The



bottle also struck a Lyon

County player in the foot. The video also showed what appeared to be school administrators from Livingston Central immediately address the incident and escort the fan

from the gym. Livingston County Sheriff Bobby Davidson charged 47year-old Douglas Walker with a first offense of assault of a sports official, which is a Class A misdemeanor. He was also charged with second-degree disorderly conduct and registered sex offender in violation of school restrictions. Walker was lodged in the McCracken County Detention

Once Walker was identified, White said he began his own investigation and determined Walker was also at the Lyon County-Livingston Central game played on Dec. 10 in Eddyville. White said that Walker is a lifetime registrant on the Kentucky Sex Offender Registry and is not allowed on Lyon County school property.

An arrest warrant was sought for Walker, who turned himself in to the Marion Police Department on Saturday and was charged with one count of registered sex offender school restrictions, a Class A misdemeanor. Crittenden County Sheriff Evan Head reported a similar investigation is underway to determine if Walker had attended any high school sporting events in Crittenden County, which could have been in violation of the same law that prohibits sex offenders from being on school campuses or school events without prior approval.