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The investigation into the shooting is ongoing, and authorities are urging anyone with information or witnesses to the incident to contact the Mayfield Police Department.

On Friday, 20-year-old Andrew Dunning, a Marshall County resident and junior at Murray State University, was working at his family-owned Kona Ice truck in the parking lot adjacent to War Memorial Stadium. Near the end of the fourth quarter, he said he witnessed a fight between the suspect and victim that ended with the latter collapsed near his vehicle.

Dunning said he didn't hear the sound of the gunshot because of the bustling business at the ice truck, but then he noticed a more serious



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The shooting occurred on the gravel parking lot at the upper left end of Mayfield's War Memorial Stadium.

wound in Riley's upper torso, and he knew it required immediate attention. He quickly used the resources at his disposal to apply pressure to the wound.

"I look out the window, and there's a guy on the ground...And then we thought 'Oh, it's a fight,'" Dunning said. "He [Riley] took his hand away, and we saw blood just pouring out of him... So then I jumped out of the truck, I grabbed my one paper towel roll

I had and then one rag, and I jumped out there, and we put it on him... And then the guy's, his friend, was like, we need more rags. We need more rags. He just got shot. Everyone was hysterical, crying."

Dunning got more rags from the truck to put on the wound, and that's when police and emergency medical responders arrived.

He recalled that the chaos of the shooting caused the crowd to

frantically scatter.

"Whenever I saw all the state troopers pull up with their rifles...they were all yelling, 'Shooter! Everyone get away!' and it was crazy because on the end zone and where we were, where the Kona Ice truck was, that's where all the little kids hang out, the middle schools and the young high schoolers," Dunning said.

Dunning said he doesn't believe his actions were heroic but rather the necessary steps in an emergency. He said time was rapidly dwindling, estimating the ambulance's arrival to be roughly five minutes after the initial call.

Dunning said he believed Riley's state was dire because his eyes appeared "lifeless." He said that fear weighed on him until Murray police provided relief in an update posted online the following day.

"He looked...really young, so I was...very surprised and caught off guard by that," Dunning recalled. "[His] eyes were open, just looking straight up at the sky, and his friend was crying, saying he's gone. And so, I was thankful that he's alive and he's OK and stabilized."

While the incident was jarring, Dunning said emergency personnel responded promptly and effectively. He hopes the incident reminds the community that safety at public events is paramount for those in charge.

The response to the shooting was ultimately a collaboration between the Mayfield Police Department and other agencies, including Kentucky State Police, the Graves County Sheriff's Office, the Carlisle County Sheriff's Office, Mayfield EMS, the Fulton Police Department and the U.S. Bureau of

Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, or ATF.

"I feel as safe as I did when I went there the first time," Dunning said. "There were actually a lot of police [before the shooting], and I know they're going to increase protection."

Dunning said the shooting may have been shocking, but the outpouring of support will maintain its resilient identity.

"It's going to get safer and better," Dunning said. "Because [when] something like this happens in such a small town, especially a town that's already close-knit, people come together even more."

"There were a lot of good guys there who helped. [Riley] was in good hands and the Lord's hands," Dunning said. "Thankfully, the people there were willing to help. I think that's what really saved his life."

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McCracken County.

"General Matter is the largest investment in the history of western Kentucky, and Global Laser Enrichment, when it comes online, I anticipate it to be even larger," Wilcox said. "Like I mentioned, the recurring annual economic impact of General Matter's is about \$71 billion per year. While the numbers are not finalized on GLE yet, they're saying somewhere between 300 and 400 employees. We say 350 just for an average, but that project could have as much of a recurring annual economic impact as \$175 million per year."

Wilcox also addressed the July announcement that the DOE Paducah Site was selected by the Department of Energy as one of four potential sites across the nation for high-powered AI data centers.

"What makes us uniquely situated to host such a large-scale project is the proximity of our electrical infrastructure," Wilcox said. "We have four generation and transmission companies

that have transmission infrastructure on-site at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion site: Grid Alliance or NextEra, TVA, Kentucky Utilities and Big Rivers Electric. We're also in the heart of the MISO, the Midcontinent Independent System Operator Network, which makes it very favorable to pump additional electricity into the site."

Wilcox said MISO, a major electric grid operator spanning 15 states in the central United States, reports having approximately 200,000 megawatts of installed capacity and between 85,000 and 115,000 megawatts being utilized. Wilcox said the AI project is not yet guaranteed, and GPED will be working with the DOE in the coming months.

"We anticipate hosting an industry meeting within the next few months, then we will submit formal requests for proposals to prospective data centers and companies that have an interest in sitting a large-scale project here," Wilcox said. "I'll have more information on those projects as they progress in the coming months."

Additionally, the fiscal court approved a \$314,309.31 bid from Sportaflex to provide multipurpose fencing for the Paducah Sports Park. The fencing will be portable and used within different fields across the park, according to Community Development Project Manager Steve Ervin.

The court also approved the signing of a resolution between the Kentucky Department of Transportation and the McCracken County Road Department shifting responsibility for certain roads.

"We're going to be swapping, giving the state 10-and-a-half miles of high-volume connector roads that connect state road to state road, and we'll be accepting 4.3 miles of lower volume roads that really fit more into our system," McCracken County Road Engineer Randy Williams said.

Williams said the deal will be beneficial for both parties, saving the McCracken County Road Department from the cost of expensive maintenance on high-volume roads and creating more efficiency for both the state and the county.

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who get handguns do so outside of the home. He said sometimes firearms are traded on the street and sold to juveniles.

When a minor is caught with a firearm and arrested, the case then falls into the hands of prosecutors. Foster explained that county attorneys in Kentucky prosecute every crime in district court.

"Depending on the severity of the offense, they're either charged, cited and sent home to their parents or they're detained and taken to the juvenile detention center," Foster said. "They are held there until we have a detention hearing, where we look at the case. The judge looks at the case, and we make a determination of whether or not to send the children back into the community with an ankle monitor — maybe some rules and restrictions — or keep them detained."

If the juvenile is sent to the detention center, Foster explained that court-designated workers work with the minor, aiming to rehabilitate the juvenile and determine the services they need to be put on a better path.

Foster said the aim is to balance the juvenile's needs and future with the safety of the community. Depending on the severity of the case, the court decides whether they are tried as an adult.

"If a juvenile, for instance, shoots into a crowd of people or, heaven forbid, they kill somebody, they are subject to being what's called transferred and tried as an adult," Foster said. "We do want to help juveniles get rehabilitated, but our main goal is to protect the community, and if they cross that line, they don't get to get an 'out-of-jail free' card."

He said a juvenile's actions in the crim-



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"Explain it to them, show it to them, tell them how it works and explain the dangers of a firearm," McCracken County Sheriff Ryan Norman said. "Explain that they can be deadly or can seriously hurt or injure somebody. Hopefully, that would make them less curious."

inal world can have a lasting impact, which is why the court tries to balance rehabilitation and public safety.

Norman said children are naturally curious, so if they see a firearm lying around a home, they could be naturally drawn to it. He encourages parents to have discussions about guns with their children.

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Norman and Foster each recommend locking vehicles. They also said it is important to keep a firearm accessible in a home in case of emergencies, but to make sure it is locked away so children cannot find it.

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and for future generations whom we will never even know."

Clymer said the essence of public service is not found in recognition or applause, but in knowing one has made a lasting difference in the lives of constituents.

"The greatest reward is not in the paycheck," Clymer said. "It is in knowing that our efforts, our decisions, have improved our neighbors' lives. It's in the construction of a foundation upon which others can continue to build into the future. And so, after a time, elected leaders' names are forgotten, but our accomplishments are not. Because of our efforts, our lives extend far beyond ourselves and to the benefit of generations into the future."

Clymer said those lasting accomplishments have been plentiful in McCracken County during his tenure as judge executive. Among them, development of the Paducah Sports Park, which Clymer said will

bring tens of thousands of visitors to the community, and the reindustrialization of the Paducah Department of Energy site.

"Not one, but two multibillion-dollar projects to come into our county," Clymer said. "One thousand construction

workers, over two years, to build them out. Hundreds of well-paid employees will take hazardous material from the 40,000 canisters that have been sitting for decades at the DOE site and safely convert that into a valuable commodity, enriched ura-

nium. Enough enriched uranium to fuel our entire country's nuclear needs for decades."

Clymer also cited community cleanup projects, local park improvements and clearing and leveling land in preparation for the Ohio River Triple

Rail Site.

"I began in public service 49 years ago, but I'm not done yet," Clymer said. "I love my country. I love my county. I love my community. There's much work yet to finish, and I have much yet to offer. At our 200th birthday,

we can be proud of what we've accomplished in McCracken County, but our greatest years are just around the corner. Let's stay the course. Let's keep the momentum, and let's continue to excel in McCracken County, Kentucky."



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