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School District awarded Distance Learning and Telemedicine grant

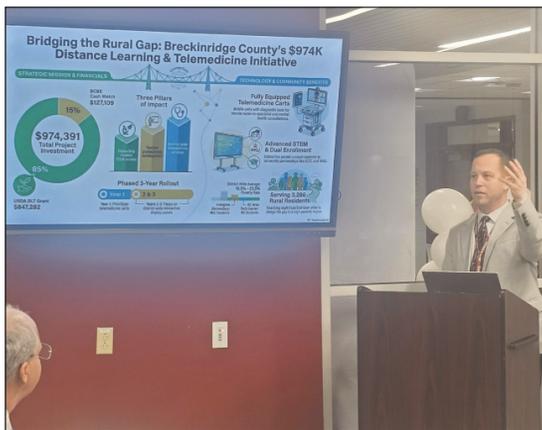
BY MORGAN FILLMORE
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Tuesday, Feb. 17, the Breckinridge County School District shared details of a new grant it has accepted.

Superintendent Dr. Nick Carter said that the Distance Learning and Telemedicine Initiative has allowed \$974,391 for the use of technology and community benefits such as fully equipped telemedicine carts and advanced STEM and dual enrollment opportunities for the district's student population.

The USDA's Distance Learning and Telemedicine Initiative is a competitive program designed to help rural communities use advanced telecommunications technology to connect to each other — and the world — and to overcome the effects of remoteness and low population density.

U.S. Rep. Brett Guthrie, R-Ky., stated that the Breckinridge County School District displayed the willingness and action necessary to be chosen for this grant, which will bridge the



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Superintendent Dr. Nick Carter discusses the district's plans for implementing the grant funds.



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U.S. Rep. Brett Guthrie, R-Ky., speaks on the achievements of the Breckinridge County School District and the opportunities the grant will afford students within the community.

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Participation Station accepts grant funding

BY MORGAN FILLMORE
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Thursday, Feb. 19, organizers of Participation Station at Communicare, Inc. in Hardinsburg accepted a grant for the community program.

The grant was presented by Breckinridge County Judge Executive Maurice Lucas on behalf of the Kentucky County Judges/Executive Association (KCJEA) Community Outreach Program. The program invests in local Kentucky communities and provides support for community projects. The initiative aims to enhance community development across the Commonwealth through active investment in local county initiatives.

Peer Support Specialist Tanya Cornett-Schifler, a longtime organizer of Communicare's Participation Station, shared that "Participation Station is open to everyone 18 to 150 and operates Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A meal is served during those hours, and participants have the opportunity to partake in several different activities. We offer assistance with personal hygiene and laundry as well."

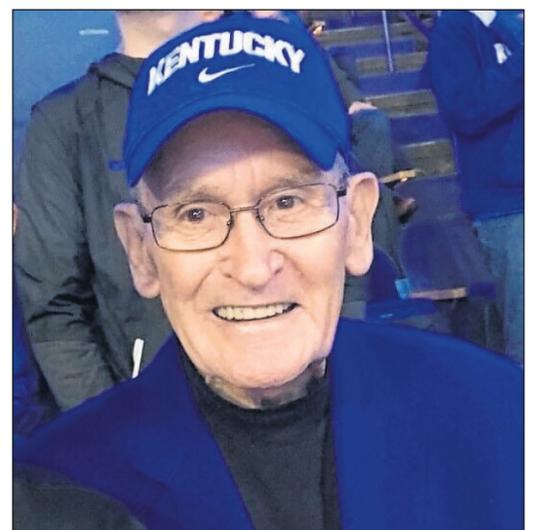
Anyone interested in visiting Participation Station can find it at Communicare in Hardinsburg. Communicare is located at 207 Fairgrounds Rd.



Courtesy photo

Judge Executive Maurice Lucas, far left, presents Participation Station with a \$1,000 grant aimed to help support the community program. Also pictured, from left, are Lisa Wise, CEO of Communicare; Tim Hensley, Director of Behavioral Health; Wanda Graham; and Tanya Cornett-Schifler, Peer Support Coordinator.

Chambliss passes away at age 88



Dr. Robert B. Chambliss passed away on Sunday at Signature Healthcare Center in Elizabethtown, Ky. See full obituary on page A5.

Fiscal Court holds public hearing on Planning & Zoning

BY MATT LASLEY
THE HERALD-NEWS

The Breckinridge County Fiscal Court held a public forum Monday, Feb. 16 regarding the implemen-

tation of countywide Planning & Zoning.

Breckinridge County Judge Executive Maurice Lucas opened the special

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School Board accepts bids for BCATC project

BY MATT LASLEY
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The Breckinridge County School Board last Wednesday, Feb. 18 accepted bids for the Breckinridge County Area Technology Center (BCATC) project.

According to Superintendent Dr. Nick Carter, construction for the BCATC project will cost \$1,234,203, and is being funded by the state of Kentucky, which awarded the district nearly \$1.6 million for the project.

It is expected to begin after school lets out for the summer, and the goal for completion is by the start of the

2026-2027 school year, according to Carter.

The acceptance of these bids follows the recent acceptance of bids for the construction of the new Breckinridge County Middle School (BCMS).

Carter said the construction of the new BCMS will cost a total of \$53,628,469, and work has already begun on this project with demolition work at the site.

According to Carter, the state provided nearly \$23 million dollars to assist with this project, and a groundbreaking ceremony has been set for it on Sunday, March 8 at 2:30 p.m. at the new middle

school site (the current football field).

The current completion goal for the new BCMS is August 2028, with the goal of starting the 2028-2029 school year with students in the new school.

In other business, the school board:

- Reviewed the Head Start report with Dr. Michael Broadbent and received a Winter Transition Readiness report from Mrs. Emma Martin.

- Approved a five-year Strategic Learning Plan, the development for which has been taking place since October and involved much stakeholder

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OBITUARIES

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