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would enhance efforts to address the local drug epidemic.

- Judah Towe, an 11-year-old from Corbin, earned a spot in the Pokémon World Championships in Hawaii after competing in eight intense rounds at a regional trading card game tournament in Charlotte, NC.

- Cinema Social, formerly known as the Tri-County Cineplex, held a grand opening in celebration of their rebranding.

February

- Forgotten Felines, a Corbin-based cat adoption organization, introduced a program matching senior cats with

senior citizens to address companionship needs and help reduce depression in the community.

- New informational signs were installed for historic trains in Downtown Corbin to highlight the role of railways in the city's development and preserve local heritage for visitors and residents.

- The cities of Corbin and London resolved a years-long annexation dispute involving Exit 29, with both communities expressing optimism about moving forward collaboratively.

- Former Corbin Mayor James Scott "Scotty" Williamson was unanimously appointed City Manager by the Corbin City Commission.

- Knox County

officially joined the Laurel County Drug Interdiction Task Force, strengthening regional efforts to combat drug trafficking and leading to the arrest of nine individuals during the task force's first undercover operation.

- Saint Joseph London Hospital awarded a \$50,000 grant to KCEOC to expand health services for low-income families in Knox County.

- The 1980s tribute band "Hairball" performed at the Corbin Arena, re-creating classic hits from artists like KISS and Queen.

- Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell announced he would step down from his leadership role in November, marking the end of a nearly two-decade tenure.

March

- Union College announced its rebranding to Union Commonwealth University, reflecting its expanded graduate degree offerings and commitment to meeting the needs of students and the community.

- Jellico Regional Hospital in Tennessee officially ceased operations, citing financial instability and ongoing controversies about its management. Patients were advised to seek care at alternative facilities.

- The Corbin Arena

was recognized with the Appalachian Arts and Entertainment Award (APPY) for Best Large Music Venue, reaffirming its reputation as a leading event destination in the region.

- Four Corbin Police officers received promotions, and funding was approved to install Flock cameras across the city. These cameras are expected to enhance public safety by assisting in vehicle identification during investigations.

- Baptist Health Corbin opened a diagnostic center at the

Grace Health Medical Campus, offering mammography, CT scans, and other advanced medical services.

- The inaugural Eli Hill Invitational Baseball Tournament was held in honor of an 8-year-old Corbin student who passed away in 2023. Proceeds went to the Eli Hill Foundation, which supports community members in need.

- A fire broke out at Brush Arbor Apartments in Williamsburg. While no residents were harmed, one firefighter sustained a minor injury.

SHOOTING

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announced.

LPD announced Thursday that the still-unnamed officer who shot Harless has been placed on administrative leave.

In that release, London City Police said the officer who shot Harless, subsequently leading to the his death, had done so after "the occupant of the residence produced a firearm and pointed it at officers" during the search warrant.

The Laurel County Sheriff's Office released a statement last Tuesday that the agency was not involved in this case.

According to KSP, preliminary investigation indicates that LPD offi-

cers were following up on an investigation with an attempt to execute the search warrant. While LPD said its investigation originated within city limits, neither agency has addressed the residence location issue where the shooting incident occurred in the Lily community of southern Laurel County.

KSP has statewide jurisdiction and investigates officer-involved shootings throughout the commonwealth as requested by local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies.

To protect the integrity of an ongoing investigation, the agency has shared that it is standard operating procedure not to release specific details until vital witnesses have been interviewed and pertinent facts have been gathered. Timelines to complete investigations vary based on the complexity of the case.

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