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## Temporary signal change scheduled for Boyle County

### STAFF REPORT

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) advises motorists of a signal change scheduled for Danville,

Boyle County. An intersection conversion will occur for Third Street/KY 33 and Lexington Avenue/KY 2324. The conversion is necessary for an evaluation to be conducted for the intersection.

The evaluation will be reviewed following a 90-day period from Tuesday, April 1 through Friday, June 22.

The conversion will be at the intersection with Third Street/KY

33 (milepoint 0.22) and Lexington Avenue/KY 2324 (milepoint 0.0). The intersection will be set up to function as a 4-way stop for a 90-day period. The current signal will change to flash red for

all approaches. Stop signs will be placed at all four directions for the intersection approaches. Motorists should remain aware of the temporary change for the area and utilize caution.

## Local students meet with Comer



In Washington D.C., Congressman James Comer (R-Ky.) met with the Boyle County High School AP Government class. The students were able to speak with Congressman Comer about his role as Chairman of the House Oversight Committee and then took a tour of the Capitol with members of the Congressman's staff. (Photo submitted)

## GOP changes to Medicaid in doubt

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Changes the Kentucky General Assembly ordered in Medicaid face an uncertain future after Gov. Andy Beshear said lawmakers failed to fund the legislation.

For the second year in a row, Beshear last week sent the House and Senate a letter listing bills that they had passed without providing what Beshear said was the necessary funding.

Beshear sent the letter on the next to last day of the 2025 session, listing 11 bills and writing "there is still time in this legislative session to add appropriations." The Republican-controlled legislature took no action in response to the Democratic governor's letter, and Senate President Robert Stivers, R-Manchester, told reporters Beshear is obligated to carry out laws as enacted by the legislature.

"He wants to make some excuse about, 'oh, you didn't give me the money.' But it's basically: 'yes, you do have the money. Find it within your budgets,'" Stivers said.

Among the 11 bills that Beshear said lack "the appropriations necessary to implement" them is House Bill 695, which directs the Beshear administration to take steps to enact a Medicaid work requirement while prohibiting the administration from making any changes in the \$15 billion program without first receiving the legislature's approval. The bill also creates a Medicaid Oversight and Advisory Board to look for cost savings in Medicaid.

Beshear vetoed the bill and the legislature easily overrode his veto.

The clash comes as Democrats in Washington are bracing to fight Republican efforts in Congress to cut Medicaid — a federal-state program that covers health care for low-income people — in order to pay for renewing federal tax cuts.

In the letter, Beshear said HB 695 would require rebidding Medicaid managed care contracts, which he said would cost the state \$1.4 million, including hiring a contractor to help develop the request for proposal. The bill also is estimated to cost \$500,000 in state funds to conduct a managed care long-term service study, Beshear wrote.

In his veto of HB 695, Beshear said the Medicaid community engagement requirement, commonly called a work requirement, would "undoubtedly" cost some adults their health coverage and also spark costly litigation challenging the requirement.

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## April at the Art Center is packed with great classes and programs

### SPECIAL TO THE ADVOCATE-MESSENGER

#### Spring Break Camp is Monday, March 31 - Friday, April 4!

Spring Break Camps will be held daily from 9 am to 2 pm for kids in grades 1-5. Register for just one day or for the entire week. Campers will dive into a variety of exciting projects, exploring new techniques and experimenting with different mediums to unleash their inner artist. 9 am - 2 pm daily. Register at [artcenterky.org/registration](http://artcenterky.org/registration)

#### Wednesdays in April

Join us for an inspiring journey through art history in our Home-school Art Club! Each week, we'll dive into the life and work of a renowned artist, exploring their

unique style and techniques while creating our own masterpieces. 1-2:30 pm. Register at [artcenterky.org/registration](http://artcenterky.org/registration)

#### Fridays in April

Mini Makers Club is every Friday from 10:30 am to 4:30 pm and the first Saturday of the month in our Art Lab Classroom, and the first Saturday of the month. We have weekly craft stations geared for kids ages 0-5, with a caretaker. It's a great time to engage in creative play and make new friends! Mini Makers is FREE, with donations greatly appreciated. Please check social media for cancellations.

#### Thursday, April 3

Join the Chinese Culture Club from Centre College for a hands-on Chinese Sugar Painting class. This free program offers

a unique opportunity to learn the traditional art of sugar painting, where melted sugar is skillfully crafted into beautiful, edible designs.

The event will be led by a skilled instructor from the Asia Institute - Crane House, beginning with a cultural presentation by the Chinese Culture Club, followed by a live demonstration and guided hands-on practice. Participants will have the opportunity to create their own sugar paintings, take part in a show-and-tell session, and engage in a Q&A session.

This is a free event but registration is required. 6-7:30 pm. Register at [artcenterky.org/registration](http://artcenterky.org/registration)



Chinese Sugar Painting will be one of the center's many offerings during the month of April. (Photo submitted)

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