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Boyle County BOE honors academic and wrestling teams

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The Boyle County Board of Education celebrated the achievements of the district's academic and wrestling teams during a packed meeting last week, while also addressing key items including enrollment caps and Early Learning Center fees for the 2025-2026 school year.

The Boyle County High School and Middle School Academic Teams, coached by Tyler Murphy, were honored for their exceptional performances. The teams are currently fundraising by selling "Excellence in Everything" t-shirts.

The board also recognized the Boyle County wrestling team, coached by Seth Lucas, who was recently named head wrestling coach of the year.

In other business, Chris Slone, Director of Family and Community Support, reported that district enrollment has reached 2,831 students. Current enrollment by school is as follows:

- Junction City Elementary: 425 students
- Perryville Elementary: 289 students
- Woodlawn Elementary: 621 students
- Boyle County Middle School: 653 students
- Boyle County High School: 843 students

The board approved updated fees for the Early Learning Center for the 2025-2026 school year. Weekly rates will be \$185 for children aged 6 weeks to 2 years and \$175 for children aged 2 to 5 years.

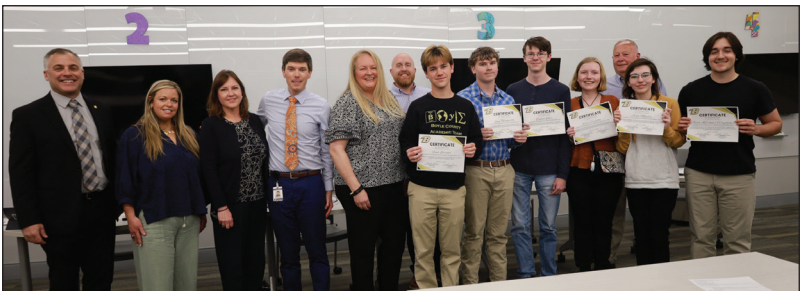
Additionally, the board set enrollment caps for the next school year. Both Boyle County High School and Middle School will have a per-grade cap of 243 students. Boyle County Day Treatment (grades 6-12) will not accept new enrollments.

- Woodlawn Elementary: 92 students (grades K-3) and 108 students (grades 4-5)
- Junction City Elementary: 69 students (grades K-3) and 81 students (grades 4-5)
- Perryville Elementary: 46 students (grades K-3) and 54 students (grades 4-5)

The board also approved hiring Clofelter, Samokar Architects for renovation projects at Junction City Elementary and Perryville Elementary.

In addition, Community Trust Bank donated \$1,000 to support student tickets for spring athletic events.

The next regular board meeting will be held May 15 at Boyle County Middle School library. Official minutes from this meeting will be distributed after approval at the May meeting.



The BCHS academic team. (Photo submitted)



The BCMS academic team. (Photo submitted)



The BCHS wrestling team. (Photo submitted)

Pioneer Playhouse accepts donation from convention and visitors bureau



Members of the Pioneer Playhouse board accepted a check for \$8,000 from the Danville-Boyle County Convention and Visitors Bureau to help advertise and market the upcoming season of performances at the playhouse, which begins June 6 and runs through Aug. 16. For more details, visit pioneerplayhouse.com. (Photo submitted)

Three new names added to Veterans Wall of Honor

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Three new names have been added to the Veterans Wall of Honor at the Boyle County Fairgrounds in recognition of their service to the United States military.

The names include Sam Irvin Jr., who served in the U.S. Army from 1974 to 1994; James R. Irvin, U.S. Army, 1982 to 2000; and D. Jean Logan, who served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War.

According to Jack Hendricks, one of the project's coordinators, the wall now bears a total of 1,685 names. Of those, 77 are from Boyle County and were killed in action.

"Thanks to all for your service," said Hendricks.

The Veterans Wall of Honor, located at the Boyle County Fairgrounds, serves as a permanent tribute to local men and women who have served in the armed forces. The recent additions further underscore the community's enduring commitment to honoring its veterans.

Danville Commission to hold new hearing on Shakertown zoning request

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The Danville City Commission voted Monday to hold a new public hearing on a controversial zoning map amendment along Shakertown Road, citing concerns over the completeness of the record previously submitted by the Danville-Boyle County Planning and Zoning Commission.

In a 4-0 vote, the commission agreed to begin the process from scratch. Commissioner Jennie Hollon recused herself from the vote as she lives in the affected neighborhood. The commission will now act as the hearing body, restarting the process with new public notice, evidence, and testimony.

"This is a fresh start," said Mayor James "J.H." Atkins. "We want the community to know this process will be thorough and fair."

City Attorney Stephen Dexter outlined the legal steps required under Kentucky law, including notification to nearby property owners and publication of the hearing date. The hearing is expected to take place within 45 to 60 days and could last most of a day to allow ample time for public comment and presentations. A final vote will be based solely on evidence presented during that hearing.

Commissioners expressed concern that unanswered questions remained from the original hearing process, including issues related to traffic flow, stormwater runoff, and neighborhood access. They emphasized the importance of providing a clear, transparent process for all parties involved.

The Shakertown discussion was one of several items on the commission's April 28 agenda. Commissioners heard a presentation from Centre College students as part of the "Making a Better Society" initiative. Mayor Atkins welcomed the group, emphasizing the importance of youth engagement in local government.

The commission also issued proclamations recognizing Mental Health Month, Arbor Day, and Historic Preservation Month. Community partners, including local mental health organizations and the Heart of Danville, were in attendance for the ceremonial recognitions.

In administrative matters, the commission approved:

- A contract amendment with Paylocity for HR and payroll services;
- Authorization to surplus outdated IT equipment;
- Purchase of cemetery software from CemSites for Bellevue and Hilldale Cemeteries;
- A municipal order authorizing signature approval for specific documents;
- Zoning ordinances for properties on South Fourth Street and Hustonville Road;
- A resolution approving a bus agreement with Boyle County Schools for Parks & Recreation summer camp transportation.

In the utilities section, Utilities Director Marshall Carrier presented Resolution #2025-04-28-05, authorizing a sole-source purchase for a Miox system rebuild, which was approved.

City Manager Earl Coffey provided additional updates during his regular report, and the commission concluded the meeting with approval of payment of bills and brief commissioner comments. An executive session was scheduled for discussions related to property acquisition, litigation, and personnel matters, if needed.

All meetings are streamed live on the city's YouTube channel to encourage public access and transparency.