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Kentucky Farm Bureau awards more than \$810,000 in scholarships to Kentucky students, its highest total ever

The Kentucky Farm Bureau (KFB) Education Foundation today announced it has awarded the highest amount in post-secondary education scholarships in the program's history. In partnership with county Farm Bureaus, the KFB Foundation awarded 601 Kentucky high school seniors a total of \$810,150 in scholarships at both the state and county level. This brings the total amount of scholarships awarded to over \$3.9 million since the program's inception in 1953.

"Our investment in young people is an investment in the future of Kentucky," said Eddie Melton, KFB President. "We're proud to support these outstanding students who are working hard today, and

who are well on their way to becoming the leaders of tomorrow. Whether their academic paths lead them to agriculture or another field, Kentucky Farm Bureau is honored to walk beside them as they take their next steps."

Statewide scholarships include students attending a Kentucky college or university who are pursuing a degree in agriculture or a related field; students attending a Kentucky college or university who are pursuing a four-year degree in animal health/veterinary technology or a related field; students attending a Kentucky college or university who come from farm families; and more. A total of 110 county Farm Bureaus awarded scholarships to local students.

Local recipients include:

Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance Agents Association Scholarship - \$1,000 each

Bath: Claire Ellington

Outstanding Farm Bureau Youth Scholarship - \$3,500 each

Fleming: Laney Pease

Menifee: Aiden Manley

KFB Education Foundation Scholarship \$1,000 each

Fleming: Laney Pease

Bath County Farm Bureau Scholarship - \$1,500 each

Clara Ellington and Zane McCarty

Fleming County Farm Bureau Scholarship - \$1,000 each

Allison Ginn, John Graham, Kenton Johnson, and Maria Mitchell

Menifee County Farm Bureau Scholarship - \$500 each

Shalyne Baker, Sarah Blankenship, Ruben Collins, Joselyn Cornett, Timothy Cornwell, Abbigayle Donathan, Elijah Doyle, David Evans, Alyssa Gibson, Destiny Little, Aiden Manely, and Carter Wells

Nicholas County Farm Bureau Scholarship - \$500 each

Brooklyn Felts and Aleisha Guzman

For more information about Kentucky Farm Bureau's scholarship program, visit kyfb.com/scholarships.

Local authors at book signing and discussion at CoffeeTree Books

Confront visions of the future with authors Kamryn Black and Kristin Harris, as they discuss and sign their new young adult book, The Visionary, at CoffeeTree Books in Morehead on Sept. 16 at 5:00 p.m.

Moving would have been hard enough for sixteen-year-old Jade Kastel, even without her secret. Gifted with the ability to see through time — something that's gotten her into her fair share of trouble in the past — Jade finds herself confronted with visions of a troubling future: a destroyed town, a boy she doesn't know loving her, and, scariest of all, a glimpse of her own death. On top of all that and homework, Jade quickly finds out that not everything in Pinewood is as it seems. People are disappearing and her powers might be

the key to finding out who's behind it. Jade always wanted to find other like her, but is that the thing that might just get her killed?

ABOUT THE AUTHORS: Kamryn Black and Kristin Harris are best friends and cousins who grew up with a lifelong passion for writing. After years of dreaming and earning their respective bachelor's degrees in Marketing and Elementary Education, Kamryn and Kristin put their skills and creativity together to found KrisKam Publishing L.P. and write their first novel, The Visionary. They live in Kentucky and hope to continue telling many more stories in the future. Stay in touch with them via social media @kriskampublishing or email authors. kris.kam@gmail.com

Sharpsburg City Commission discusses Community Center repairs, expenses



Photos by Cecil Lawson

LuAnn Oney was sworn in as Sharpsburg City Commissioner last Saturday afternoon by City Clerk Tonya Briscoe, with Mayor Dorothy Clemons looking on. She fills the vacancy left by Mary Beth Lane, who stepped down due to medial issues.

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Sharpsburg City Commissioners held their regular August meeting this past Saturday at the Community Center, with the meeting location changed to the Sharpsburg Branch Library room due to air conditioning repairs.

Local resident LuAnn Oney was sworn in prior to the meeting to fill the vacancy left by Mary Beth Lane, who resigned due to medical issues.

Mayor Dorothy Clemons reported that she met with additional staff from Serve-Pro who would continue to do a more in-depth study of leaks at the Community Center. She reported last month that she had discovered mold and various leaks in the maintenance closet in the gymnasium and had contacted the city's insurance company, who put her in touch with Serve-Pro. Serve-Pro began studying leaks in the building.

She said she and others began a deep clean of the mold around the building on Thursday. She also said recent heavy rains had not left any leaks. Clemons also noted that they had to turn on the air conditioning in the building to help remove moisture that had been pooling on the floors.

She said once the final report is issued by Serve-

Pro, she will have the commissioners meet with the insurance company and the Robert L. Brown Foundation to discuss repairs and funding. She also said that, now that the building is clean, the facility will be open again for rentals and events.

Clemons presented an estimate for repairs to the air conditioning unit for the Community Center's classroom to replace a compressor, by Mynhier's Plumbing and Heating.

Mayor Clemons also gave an update on the city's Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant. The proposed project, which would update sidewalks, drains, and handicap access on Camp Street, got underway in 2019, but due to various delays such as the COVID 19 pandemic and rising construction costs, the project is now being bid out again. Advertisement for bids was placed in last week's News-Outlook. Bids are due August 22 and will be opened that day at 10 a.m. Clemons said this is an 80/20 project, with the city responsible for 20 percent of the project cost. She said the Robert L. Brown Foundation has already agreed to front up to \$25,000 to pay for the city's portion.

Clemons also discussed changes in recent legislation regarding financial audits. She said House Bill 551, which passed

this year, requires cities of less than 3000 people to have audits in odd number years only. Under this new requirement, Sharpsburg will have to have an audit for FY 2024-25. She said the city has already completed audits for FY 2023 and FY 2024. Clemons also said that under President Donald Trump's Big Beautiful Bill, cities receiving federal grants will also be required to have audits for that fiscal year. She said the city currently does not have federal audits. She also noted that account Joel Lane will be arriving next month to get started on the FY 25 audit.

Clemons also said she has walked through the process of getting a new spigot installed at the City Park, at the request of Alice Hilton at the Robert L. Brown Foundation. She said the Foundation gave



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the city \$4000 to pay for the application, deposit, installation, and monthly water bills, but she said she is not sure how far that will go. Two water events have already been held at the City Park since the spigot was installed.

Mayor Clemons also mentioned the City's upcoming Holiday Parade and Open House, to be held on Saturday, November 8, downtown and at the Sharpsburg Fire Station. Clemons said the Bethel Fire Department will be there as well as Sterling Health's new mobile unit and other vendors. If you are interested in being a vendor, contact City Hall or the city's Facebook page.

Later in the meeting commissioners expressed concern regarding how the R. L. Brown Foundation is being responsive to the city's expenses and repairs at the Community

Center. Clemons said in 2023 the Foundation set a \$30,000 annual limit on community center expenses, while this year \$21,396 has already been paid out at the end of July, with further repair expenses to follow. Commissioners said they were unclear how the Foundation determined that \$30,000 would be enough to cover expenses. Clemons said she plans on meeting with them after she receives the insurance report for the mold and leak issue.

Clemons reported that she had been in touch with Bath County Property Valuation Administrator Jacky Watson, and she was told that the property values for the city would be certified after August 15,

which will allow the city to issue property tax bills. Watson said this year's Homestead Exemption is now \$49,1000.

Commissioners voted to approve the City to take legal action against property owners for Stop and Shop, LLC, and against Anita Kumari. Clemons said these owners had not responded to any communications to pay delinquent taxes, so she is going to have city attorney Earl Rogers III to send them a letter.

They also agreed to have Mayor Clemons to send a letter to Fran Toy regarding the city's nuisance ordinance with reference to new apartments he has built in the city and has not mowed for some time this summer.

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