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The superintendent's statement is as follows:

"Exciting times are ahead as the community has stepped forward to support the children of Clinton County with the passing of the double-nickel, paving the way for a new high school in Clinton County. This new facility is essential for our students, and now our school district is set to advance with this much anticipated project. This development represents a significant step in our community's dedication to enhancing the learning environment for our students and creating a better workplace for our staff.

"As we continue to move forward, we will ac-

tively seek feedback from staff, parents, and community stakeholders to ensure that the new school meets the needs of all those it will serve while maintaining transparency throughout the process. Everyone can stay informed with the latest updates by visiting www.clinton.kyschools.us. Should you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact the Central Office at 606-387-6480.

"I want to express my gratitude to the Clinton County Board of Education, our dedicated staff, and our community for their unwavering support during this journey. Together, we will create a safe school that empowers our students to reach their full potential, provides an excellent working environment for our educators, and offers our community a source of pride. Thank you for your continued support."

Ackerman said the first

step in the process was having the school board approve a request to the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) to reassemble the previous Local Planning Committee (LPC) for the purpose of amending the District Facility Plan (DFP).

The board also began the process to accept letters of interest for architectural and construction management services.

The aforementioned steps were approved unanimously at the January school board meeting.

The superintendent said that based on the most recent District Facility Plan, the estimated cost for the new high school will be \$43 million.

There will be a bonding process to go through and an amount of overall time to repay the bonding capacity. However, it is still too early in the process to determine those rates and time frames.

Ackerman said the planning and design phase for the new facility will take roughly 16 to 18 months. Once the building process has begun, the estimated time for completion is 24 to 30 months, he said.

With the aforesaid estimated time line, completion of a new high school could be approximately four years down the road, or sometime in the year 2029.

Ackerman again reiterated that the district--due to capacity size and cost--will keep the old school gymnasium (The Castle) and the current classrooms at the existing school will be demolished.

Even though the citizens will see a brand new school, it will be approximately in the same location, only "switched," according to current plans.

The current DFP states that the new high school will be on the current campus and built onto the left side of the high school gym (currently the parking lot). However, when the local planning committee reconvenes, they will recommend the final building site to the board of education (for final approval), the superintendent added.

Apparently keeping the new facility on the same grounds could save the district money from having to search for, or possibly purchase, property at a different location.

The current location is also centralized and close to the official city limits and other surrounding schools in the district.

Meter

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last week. On a motion by Councilwoman Renee York, and the body voted unanimously to approve a resolution pertaining to the project, which states:

"The City of Albany, Kentucky, has received Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) approval in the amount of \$1,039,099 for the following project: Albany Distribution System Master Meters and Residential Meters. Be it resolved that cost

overruns associated with the project will be borne by the City of Albany."

Local attorney Gary Little sat in as legal advisor for the council at last week's special session.

The project is for purchase and installation of 33 new "master meters" and 4,000 residential meters throughout the county. The meters are said to be vital in detecting water leaks and water losses, and getting a more accurate account of the gallons of water used that needs to be billed for.

There was some discussion about the current status of grant funding in today's political climate, as Mayor James Bray noted that the President had frozen some

grant funds but a federal judge and ruled in opposition to that mandate.

Although status of project funding across the county was unclear as of last week's meeting, Bray noted the city would continue to do its part and proceed with what they need to do to continue to apply for funding and hope the situation is resolved.

The mayor said "we are trying to get ahead of the curve. We will do our documentation to proceed with it and do our legislative part," adding, "I don't feel (funds) will be locked up forever."

The council met this past Tuesday night and details of that meeting will be published next week.

Veterans recognition night was a huge success, CCHS Sources of Strength express gratitude

The Clinton County High School Sources of Strength and the faculty and staff at Clinton County High School would like to thank the following sponsors for their time and donations to the Veterans Appreciation Night on Friday January 31, 2025. Thanks to Clinton County News and Al Gibson, Tyson and Tony Delk for food, WANY Radio and Sid Scott and Lynn Scott Starnes. A special thanks to Jason Pitman, Major Ramsey and the JROTC for their help with the event.

We would like to thank the community for the outstanding show of support and gratitude to our veterans.

Several students from Clinton named to Somerset Community College Dean's, President's Lists

Several students from Clinton County have been named to the Dean's List and President's List at Somerset Community College.

The following students from Clinton County were named to the SCC Dean's List: Sarah Barron, Jamison Branham, Jeanie Bridgeman, Walker Casada, Courtney Creekmore, Adam Hay, Kurtis Lee, Keara McWhorter, Tiffany Melton, Chrislin Moon, Shari Myers, Betty Stephens, Sara Turner, Malachi Upchurch, and Brittany Wray.

Students who maintain a current GPA of 3.5 but less than a 4.0, while completing a full-time course load (12 or more credit hours in courses numbered 100 level or above, excluding FYE courses), will be placed on the full-time Dean's List.

Degree-seeking students who maintain a current GPA of 3.5 but less than a 4.0 and who have earned at least 12 credit hours from prior terms, currently taking 3 - 11 credit hours (in courses numbered 100 level or above, excluding FYE courses) will be named to the Part-Time Dean's List.

The following students from Clinton County have been named to the SCC President's List: Tatyanna Blake, Brittany Boils, Ebony Branham, Abigail Burchett, Kayhlie Carpenter, Molly Cecil, Angela Covey, Caitlyn Crabtree, Sarah Cross, Rhianna Elmore, Allie-Jo Finley, Tammy Garrett, Lexis Gibson, Ashley Glidewell, William Guffey, Jessi Gunther, Haleigh Irwin, Brittany Johnson, Asha Martin, Abby Mason, Chrissy Parrish, Tiffany Phares, Sierra Shelley, Jaquelynn Stearns, Jada Stines, and Rebekkah Stump.

Students who maintain a current GPA of a 4.0, while completing a full-time course load (12 or more credit hours in courses numbered 100 level or above, excluding FYE courses) will be named to the full-time President's Honor List.

Degree-seeking students who have earned at least 12 credit hours from prior terms, currently taking 3 - 11 credit hours and maintain a current GPA of a 4.0 in courses numbered 100 level or above, excluding FYE courses, will be named to the Part-Time President's Honor List.

Kentucky State Police to tackle Operation C.A.R.E. on Super Bowl Sunday

Crash awareness and reduction effort aims to prevent impaired driving

This Super Bowl Sunday, February 9, Kentucky State Police (KSP) is suiting up for Operation C.A.R.E. (Crash Awareness Reduction Effort). As fans gear up for the big game, KSP troopers are hitting the road to ensure everyone gets to and from their game-day celebrations safely. This national initiative focuses on reducing traffic crashes and preventing impaired driving, making the roads safer for everyone.

"We want to ensure that everyone gets to enjoy the Superbowl and the commercials that come with it," said KSP Post 03 Captain Timothy Adams. "But most of all, the real goal is for everyone to make it home safely. Be punctual, drive responsibly and clear the roadways of any negativity."

KSP's Operation C.A.R.E. blitz aims to intercept potential traffic violations such as speeding, impaired or distracted driving and failure to wear seatbelts before they turn into dangerous situations. Just like a good defensive line, KSP troopers will be on the lookout to block any unsafe driving behavior from making it into the end zone.

To help drivers score a win for safety, KSP offers the following tips:

- Have a Game Plan - If you plan to drink during your Super Bowl festivities, arrange a designated driver, call a ride-share service or stay overnight at your host's house.
- Wear Your Safety Gear - Buckling up is your best defense against impaired or distracted drivers. Remember, seatbelts save lives.
- Give the Playmakers Room - Move over for first responders and emergency vehicles. Kentucky law requires motorists to switch lanes or slow down to ensure safety.
- Stay Focused - Keep distractions like your phone on the sidelines while driving. Stay alert and keep your eyes on the road.

If you spot a driver who appears impaired or is engaging in dangerous behavior, report it to your nearest KSP Post or local law enforcement agency. You can find your nearest KSP post by viewing the Post Map on KSP's website.

KSP asks citizens to join the team to ensure everyone's Super Bowl celebration ends with cheers, not tears. We can all enjoy the big game safely by following these tips and staying vigilant.

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Try to figure out who the murderer is and solve the mystery!

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Text Angela Sloan at 606-688-4951 for more information.

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