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KIWANIS OFFICERS INSTALLED

Ron Fraley, right, accepts the gavel from Don Golightly, as the new president of the Kiwanis Club of East Greenup County. Fraley, who has served as president twice before, will lead the club for the next two years. He previously served as president in 1986-87 and 2011-12. From left are: Tom Saylor, who is continuing his role as secretary-treasurer; Golightly, outgoing president; Joyce Boggs, lieutenant governor of the Kentucky-Tennessee District's 16th Division, who served as the installing officer; and Fraley.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Hospice plans membership event

ASHLAND

A Friends of Hospice membership event will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 24 at the Community Hospice Main Office at 1480 Carter Ave.

The event will share information about the group and its fundraising mission. Salads and desserts will be served. To RSVP, call Kathy Elam at (740) 525-2741 or email klelam@netacs.net.

MEETING

• **Monday at 12:30 p.m.:** FIVCO Board of Directors; lunch will be served at noon.

Staff reports

Marshall receives \$341,000 grant for multi-state workforce initiative

STAFF REPORT

HUNTINGTON The Marshall University Research Corporation has been awarded more than \$341,000 through the Appalachian Regional Commission's (ARC) Appalachian Regional Initiative for Stronger Economies (ARISE) to lead a multi-state project to help young adults, particularly those aging out of foster care, transition successfully into the workforce.

The initiative, titled the Appalachian Employment and Transformation Planning Initiative — Yielding Economic Stability & Success (YESS Appalachia), will be led by the Marshall University Center of Excellence for Recovery.

Over the next 12 months, Marshall and its partners will conduct an asset and needs assessment and examine existing models. The project aims to develop a comprehensive plan focused on advancing job readiness, leadership development, employment and education, while connecting participants to wraparound services that support long-term success.

YESS Appalachia will directly impact 22 counties across West Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina and Mississippi. Partners include the Dream Center of Columbus Inc. (Dream Center Golden Triangle), San

Mar Family and Community Services, Christos Foundation and New Vision Renewable Energy. In addition to ARC's investment, Marshall and its partners are contributing \$182,422 in matching funds to expand the project's reach.

"With support from the Appalachian Regional Commission, Marshall University is honored to lead this vital initiative to strengthen Appalachia's future by empowering young adults — especially those transitioning out of foster care — with the skills, support and pathways they need to succeed," Dr. Amy Saunders, associate vice president and managing director of

the Center of Excellence for Recovery, said.

ARISE is ARC's first multi-state funding initiative, designed to drive large-scale regional economic transformation through collaborative projects that cross state lines. Since January 2023, ARISE has invested \$179.5 million in 68 projects across all 13 Appalachian states. These projects are expected to create or retain more than 22,300 jobs, generate \$274.6 million in additional private investment and prepare nearly 16,000 workers and students for opportunities in sectors such as broadband development, workforce education and manufacturing.

PUBLIC NOTICE

INVITATION TO BID:

The Catlettsburg Housing Authority is accepting Bids for Plumbing Contractor services thru the close of business **October 27, 2025**. Bid information may be obtained and submitted to the office fo the Catlettsburg Housing Authority located at 210-24th St. Catlettsburg, KY 41129.

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Greenup County grand jury hands up indictments

BY MATT JONES
THE DAILY INDEPENDENT

GREENUP A Greenup County grand jury handed up indictments where three men are charged with engaging in organized crime and other charges.

An indictment means a grand jury found probable cause based on evidence for prosecution efforts to proceed.

Individuals appearing in this story remain innocent until proven guilty:

- Ray Burks, 68, of Wurtland, was indicted on one count of engaging in organized crime/criminal syndicate; one count of possession of controlled substance, first degree, first offense (methamphetamine); two counts of theft by unlawful taking, auto, over \$1,000 but less than \$10,000; two counts of possession of drug paraphernalia buy/possess; one count of tampering with physical evidence; one count of trafficking

in marijuana, first offense (less than 8 ounces); one count of possession of controlled substance, first degree, first offense (drug unspecified); one count of possession of synthetic drugs, first offense; one count of unauthorized use of motor vehicle, first offense; and one count of false report of an incident to law enforcement.

- Henry Cantrell, 52, of Columbus, was indicted on one count of engaging in organized crime/criminal syndicate; one count of possession of drug paraphernalia, buy/possess, one count of possession of controlled substance, first degree, first offense (methamphetamine); one count of possession of controlled substance, first degree, first offense (drug unspecified); and one count of possession of a prescription controlled substance, not in original container, first offense.

- Asa Mayse, 54, of South Shore, was indicted on one count of engaging in organized crime/criminal syndicate.

Howerton establishes architectural division

STAFF REPORT

GREENUP Howerton Engineering announced the establishment of an architectural division within its firm, according to a press release.

Howerton Architecture, PLLC, has officially launched as a subsidiary of Hower-

ton Engineering.

The expansion allows Howerton to offer a complete portfolio of services to both public and private sector clients, according to the release.

The architectural services will help Howerton deliver full-spectrum professional support, it said — from initial site sur-

veys to infrastructure and building design.

Howerton also provides comprehensive consulting services in civil, surveying, structural, facilities, mechanical, electrical and plumbing design, stated the release.

Visit howertoneng.com or howertonarch.com for more information.

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