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Elana Jenkins teaches a small group of fourth grade students at Eastern Elementary during student teaching.

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Scott County Schools receive less federal funds than most

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About five percent of an annual Scott County Schools budget funding per student comes from the federal government—less than most Kentucky school districts, including neighboring districts.

Extensive changes in how the federal government will function has caused concerns about the potential impact on Kentucky public school systems. Under Presi-

dent Trump, steps have been taken to dismantle the U.S. Department of Education, and already most of the department’s staff have been laid off or accepted voluntary buyouts.

Recently, states were notified COVID relief funds for school districts would no longer be honored, even though the funds had previously been approved and most school districts had accounted for it in upcoming budgets. States have been warned diversity initiatives and student

“gender identity” records must also be eliminated, or federal funding could be reduced or eliminated altogether.

What this may ultimately mean is uncertain and most school officials, including those at Scott County Schools, have taken a wait-and-see posture. According to a Louisville Courier Journal report, Kentucky stands to lose more than \$1 billion if federal funding is pulled from the state’s 171 public school districts.

Scott County Schools

receives about \$944,410 in federal funding or \$908 per student. The school system serves about 10,401 students and spends \$18,128 per student. The funding figures are based upon Georgetown University’s Edunomics Lab’s research. Scott County Schools’ total is less than half what an average Kentucky school district receives which is about \$2,000 per student, according to the Edunomics research.

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Man on motorcycle flees police into Lexington via I-75

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Tyler Miller was arrested Wednesday as Georgetown and Lexington police departments worked together to apprehend him following a chase across county lines, according to Georgetown Police Department (GPD) officials.

Miller is charged with first-degree fleeing or evading police (motor vehicle), first-degree wanton endangerment—police officer, first-degree wanton endangerment,

operating on suspended or revoked operator license, no registration plates, and first-degree possession of controlled substance—first offense (cocaine).

It started in the area of Lemons Mill Road and McClelland Circle to the area of Kennedy Road and Newtown Pike, said GPD Captain Nick Lodal. The call came in around 12:50 p.m.

“We had him in custody 20-to-25 minutes later in Lexington,” Lodal said. “This guy had a very serious

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Kite Fest moves to Scott County Park

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Georgetown Rotary Club has moved their annual Kite Festival fundraiser to Scott County Community Park and will run May 17, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The field at Cardome was perfect for their kite-flying area for the past three decades, said former Rotary Club President Mark Sulski, but with

construction of the Parish Life Center taking up their usual space, they had to move the event to the “spread-out” open space of Scott County Park instead.

“Here, I think we’re just going to turn it loose and let them fly,” Sulski said. “There’s some great open field. They can literally walk across the street (from the pavilion), depending

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If you go

Georgetown Rotary Club Kite Festival will be held Saturday May 17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Scott County Park.

County landmarks, artifacts preserve area’s history

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Editor’s Note: This is the second article in a series on preservation and its importance according to local historians and officials.

European explorers ventured into the Scott County area in the 1770s, according to the Explore Kentucky website. John-

son’s Station was built in 1783 around the north fork of Elkhorn Creek.

Scott County was formed in 1792 and is named after General Charles Scott, who served in the Revolution, the website states.

Local Historian and President of the Ward Hall Preservation Foundation Ron Bryant believes Scott County is one of the “most historic areas in the Common-

wealth,” he said.

“There are many historic buildings still standing, many have been lost through the years,” Bryant said. “But there are many sites yet to be discovered. There are old house ruins scattered throughout this area on farms and wood lots. They all tell a story.”

Different sites share a story of past settlement “working through wil-

‘If preservation is taken in to account and Georgetown/Scott County can maintain its uniqueness, its historical viability, its cultural viability, it can be a very unique and wonderful place.’

Ron Bryant
Ward Hall Preservation Foundation President

derness to make it a vibrant land,” he said.

“Preservation comes down to, what can we

keep and what can we lose,” Bryant said. “I personally would want to keep everything and I know that’s impossible. But since Scott County is one of the fastest growing counties now in Kentucky and probably the nation, we have to be very aware of where things might be disturbed or destroyed.”

Sites that cannot be

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Special Olympics Track and Field
Saturday @ 9 a.m. GCHS

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