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Meredith receives KHA Award of Excellence

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State Sen. Stephen Meredith, R-Leitchfield, received the Kentucky Hospital Association's (KHA) Award of Excellence Monday.

In a ceremony held at Owensboro Health Twin Lakes Medical Center (OHTLMC) in Leitchfield, KHA officials recognized Meredith for his contributions to healthcare in the commonwealth, both as a hospital administrator and a legislator.

KHA President and CEO Nancy Galvagni presented the Award of Excellence — one of the association's highest awards that is given to individuals who have made significant contributions to healthcare in Kentucky — to Meredith and cited his decades of service that earned the recognition.

"He is such a champion for our issues, a voice in Frankfort, a person that people listen to," she said.

Elected to the Senate in 2016 after retiring from a successful career in healthcare, Meredith is known for his strong advocacy and tenacity for healthcare, fiscal responsibility, and economic growth, Galvagni said.

"He is the voice of rural healthcare and parity for rural healthcare and rural hospitals and providers and reimbursement," she said.

While he has said many times he did seek state office to focus on healthcare, Meredith has become the legislator his colleagues turn to on this matter because of his experience, according to Galvagni, who added he has also worked to ensure Kentucky patients continue to have access to care and services through reforms to 340B, Medicaid managed care, and pharmacy benefit management, "fighting David and Goliath battles against big pharma, big insurance companies, and more."

She also recognized Meredith for his support of Kentucky's Certificate

of Need program, which, according to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, is intended to prevent "the proliferation of healthcare facilities, health services, and major medical equipment that increase the cost of quality healthcare in the commonwealth."

"As chair of the Senate Health Services Committee, Sen. Meredith is, of course, a friend and supporter of hospitals, he understands our issues, and he can understand how to explain that to his colleagues in the legislature," said Galvagni. "He has a true passion for rural healthcare, and, again, there is just no better advocate for Kentucky hospitals than Sen. Meredith and the importance of rural hospitals and especially at this time when we are really facing some challenges."

Meredith said to be able to accept the award at OHTLMC was special

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Pictured, from left, are Owensboro Health Twin Lakes Medical Center CEO Ashley Herrington, Sen. Stephen Meredith, and KHA President and CEO Nancy Galvagni.



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The Grayson County Fiscal Court conducts its August meeting.

Fiscal Court sets 2025 tax rates

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The Grayson County Fiscal Court set this year's county property tax rates during its regular meeting Thursday, Aug. 21.

According to Grayson County Judge Executive Kevin Henderson, this year's rates — 6.6 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation for real property and 7.9 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation for tangible property —

remain the same as last year's rates.

Additionally, the 2026 Grayson County motor vehicle and watercraft tax rate of 7.9 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation remains the same as it has for the last five years, Henderson said.

In a related matter, the fiscal court also voted to accept the Grayson County Hospital District's 2025 tax

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Addison Durbin was crowned Miss Grayson County 2025 Tuesday night. This is given to the top local contestant in the Miss Grayson County Fair pageant.

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Grayson County Grand Jury indicts seven

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The Grayson County Grand Jury indicted seven individuals during its August meeting.

Jeremy M. Chaikowsky, 49, of Leitchfield, was indicted for criminal abuse in the first degree, child 12 or under and assault in the fourth degree (domestic

violence) minor injury.

Daniel D. Creason, 44, of Bowling Green, Ky., was indicted for possession of a controlled substance in the first degree, first offense - methamphetamine; tampering with physical evidence; and operating motor vehicle under the influence of a substance,

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Emma-Claire Skaggs was crowned Miss Grayson County Fair 2025 during the opening night of the Grayson County Fair Tuesday night. She will represent Grayson County at the Miss Kentucky County Fair pageant in January. | See more photos, A6.



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Doris Faye Gross

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