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## Harlan Countians remember Charlie Kirk

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Harlan Countians attended a candlelight vigil on Thursday for Charlie Kirk, a well-known conservative advocate who was assassinated recently during a public event on the campus of a university in Utah.

The vigil was held on the grounds of the Harlan Center and attended by many people from in and around Harlan

County.

William Clark Bailey, Harlan County Republican Chairman, provided some details during an interview immediately prior to the vigil.

“We’re hosting this tonight,” Bailey said. “I’m not necessarily wanting it to be overtly political...but it is what it is.”

Bailey explained the circumstances which led to the vigil.

“I was shaken by the death and assassination of Charlie

Kirk,” Bailey said. “I wanted to do something.”

Bailey said he had not decided what to do, then he received a message from a friend stating something should be done in honor of Kirk. The decision was made to hold a candlelight vigil on Thursday, Sept. 18, in honor of Kirk.

“I felt like we needed to come together as a community and as a nation and turn back to God and try to do less

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(PHOTO BY JOE ASHER)

A crowd gathered in the parking lot of the Harlan Center for a candlelight vigil for Charlie Kirk on Thursday.

## County looking into extending water service

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The Harlan County Fiscal Court heard an inquiry regarding providing water service to an unserved community in the Bledsoe area during a recent meeting.

Harlan County Judge-Executive Dan Mosley called on resident Harold Craycraft to speak to the court.

Craycraft asked if there is any possibility of water service being extended to Woodard Branch.

“Woodard Branch, in Bledsoe...this isn’t a situation where the water is out, this is a situation where there’s never been a water line extension to these particular residents,” Mosley said. “How many houses don’t have water?”

Craycraft pointed out there are four houses without water. Magistrate Paul Caldwell mentioned there are an additional four nearby in the Dingo community.



(PHOTO BY JOE ASHER)

Magistrate Paul Caldwell hears information regarding extending water service during a recent meeting of the Harlan County Fiscal Court

“Several years ago, former magistrate Sparky Middleton had wanted to do a project to get

water up Woodard Branch,” Mosley said. “There was some conversation at that point about

trying to figure out how to get it on out to where you all are.”

Mosley said Black Mountain Utility District (BMUD) was involved.

According to previous reports, BMUD is not under county control, but is regulated by the Kentucky Public Service Commission. The Harlan County Fiscal Court appoints board members which operate and oversee BMUD and the Cawood Water District.

“I recall being at a meeting and their engineer saying something like the pressure would not push it (water) that far,” Mosley said. “I recall a conversation about what they called ‘dead water,’ which is water they can’t sell you that they have to go up there and flush because of usage.”

Mosley said there have been discussions about how to extend water service in that area for some time.

“It does include the Bledsoe area, but I don’t know the scope

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## Railroad Days on track in Loyall

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The city of Loyall has long been the hub for railroad operations in the area, with the CSX train yard located in the city. In celebration of all things railroad, the city has created the Railroad Days Festival, offering fun, food, music and more from October 3 – 4.

City of Loyall Mayor William Clark Bailey provided some details on this year’s event.

“We’ve been trying to get this festival off the ground for a couple of years,” Bailey said. “We’ve been having decent progress, but as you would probably guess it’s difficult to start from zero and have phenomenal success right off the bat.”

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## County accepts emergency siren system proposal

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The Harlan County Fiscal Court approved a proposal from Federal Signal Safety and Security Systems for upgrades on the county’s waring siren system during their September meeting.

Harlan County Judge-

Executive Dan Mosley brought the matter to the court’s attention.

“As you all recall, we had put out an RFP for some needed work to not only upgrade the warning siren system that is across the county in different parts of the county to try to automate it better to where those sirens go off as needed during severe

weather events,” Mosley said. “We put out an RFP last month that was very comprehensive...based on negation of that proposal based on a couple of things that weren’t really necessary we were able to get it down to \$47,134.”

The system’s primary purpose is to provide communities with timely warnings for severe

weather events such as tornadoes and severe thunderstorm events.

“This is work that needs to be done,” Mosley said. “We want to make sure these things work as needed during a severe weather event. There’s been weekly testing occurring over the last couple of months on Wednesdays at noon to

verify they are working. This will also give emergency management access to control the deployment of the siren so there’s no confusion as to when it should go off.”

Mosley asked Harlan County Emergency Management Director Stephen Lewis for his thoughts on the matter.

“I think we’re going to

find some problems that need maintenance,” Lewis said. “That would be a separate cost than what this quote reflects. But it’s work that needs to be done to ensure they are all operating correctly. This quote is just for the upgrade.”

Mosley added the

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