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Kentucky Farmer Pleads Guilty in Fraud Conspiracy

Agrees to Pay Government \$1.9 Million

By Bill Estep Lexington Herald-Leader

A Kentucky farmer who lied about crop losses to get insurance payouts has agreed to make restitution of \$1.9 million to the federal government.

David Wisdom pleaded guilty Feb. 28 in federal court to a charge of conspiracy to commit fraud involving crop insurance.

Wisdom, of Barren

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Horse Cave City Council

Council Discusses Occupational Taxes, Medical Marijuana Dispensaries



A PHOTO | KATRINA ENGLAND

on new information learned regarding medical marijuana dispensaries.

By Katrina England News-Herald Reporter

The Horse Cave City Council met in regular session on March 10. In attendance were Council Members

Velpha Hatchett, Larry Bunch, John Buckingham, Vickie Rogers, and Mandy Hatcher, as well as

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Judge Choate Addresses State Unfunded Mandates

By Gary Garner **Guest Contributor**

The Hart County Fiscal Court met Tuesday, March 18. After Judge/ **Executive Joe Choate** called the meeting to order, Brother Bobby Neal, Pastor of Lighthouse Church, opened the meeting

with prayer.

Individuals from ARK for Hart and The Veterans Committee of Hart County spoke about rumors on Facebook that plans had already been

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61 Puppies Dumped

"The 61 stray puppies at the Hart County Animal Shelter are just the beginning. If we don't act now, that number will continue to rise. The question is, will we turn a blind eye? Or will we stand up and fight for these innocent lives?" Hart County Animal Shelter Administration

By Mary Beth Sallee Managing Editor marybeth@jpinews.com

Nearly one-quarter of dogs taken to shelters in the United States are relinquished by their owners. According to data from the Shelter **Animals Count** website, that number was almost 200,000 in 2023.

However, as heartbreaking as it can be to have to abandon your pet at the shelter, it's a much better option

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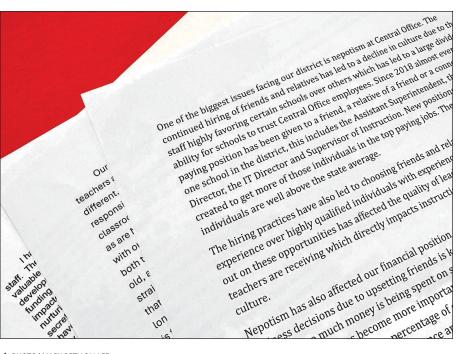
▲ PHOTO | HART COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER FACEBOOK PAGE

The Hart County Animal Shelter has seen a huge increase in dumped puppies since the beginning of the year. This puppy is part of a litter that was dumped on the side of a road in a box.

School District Releases

Superintendent **Selection Survey Results**

Newspaper receives anonymous statements accusing Central Office of nepotism, "good ole boy" system



The Hart County News-Herald received four anonymous submissions in relation to the recent Superintendent Selection Survey hosted by the Superintendent Screening Committee for the Hart County School District. The letters accused the school district's Central Office of nepotism (favoritism), "good ole boy" connections, outdated policies, and lack of support.

By Mary Beth Sallee Managing Editor marybeth@jpinews.com

Four anonymous statements were recently submitted to the Hart County News-Herald accusing the Hart County School District's Central Office of nepotism, "good ole boy' connections, poor financial decisions, and lack of support for its teachers and support staff. One of the statements also mentions an alleged civil action lawsuit from 2011 brought against the Hart **County School District**

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