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Bloomfield’s two school buildings. Bloomfield Middle is recognized as a transitional building in the current DFP — it would serve a different and currently undefined purpose for the district.

Additionally, speakers said there is need to create culture for students and allowing for a streamlined feeder pattern for the district’s schools.

Kasey Willett VanVactor was one of the many community members who spoke on Wednesday, stating it was time for the district to have a no-nonsense, solidified plan in place for the district. She said students, families and teachers needed a clear path forward.

“We’ve spent a lot of time reviewing, discussing and weighing options, now it’s time to take the next step of the plan that puts students first, uses our resources wisely and gets the community confident in the direction we’re heading,” she said. “I know this work isn’t easy, but I believe this committee is capable of leading that effort.”

Committee members discussed their feedback from guest comments, with many echoing the need for a clear, concise culture for students and the want for clarity and action to be taken.

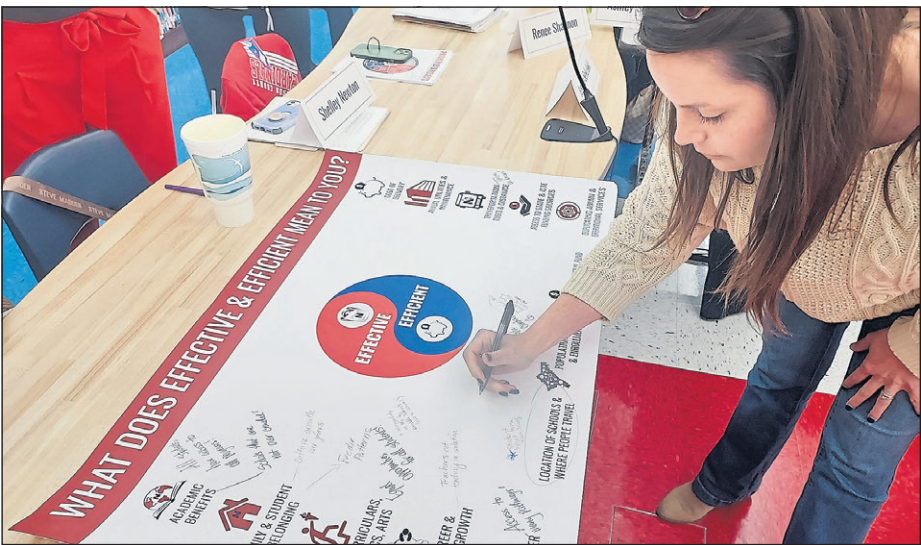
Sean Smith, Old Kentucky Home Middle School Principal, spoke to his reality of understanding the culture in his building. The student population in OKHMS comes from many schools — primarily, Boston, New Haven, Foster Heights and Cox’s Creek — and many will also move on to separate high schools.

Smith said this does present challenges and while students do a good job navigating them to



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Community members write down their ideas and needs for facilities in the the school district during Nelson County’s Local Planning Committee in Bloomfield on Wednesday.



Parents, teachers and community members came out for the first public forum for the county schools’ Local Planning Committee meeting. Prior to guest comments the public was able to write down their respective hopes for the district moving forward.

focus on academics, he stated refining those transitions and feeder patterns would be ideal.

Looking ahead to the next meeting, the LPC voiced several facility models they wished to explore during the April 16 meeting. This exploration included looking at the previously discussed plan from the last DFP cycle in addition to some new methods to explore before drafting a new document.

The proposed mod-

els they’ll explore next meeting included discussing variations on the east and west middle and high schools. One model would have two county middle schools with a newly constructed middle school on the Thomas Nelson High School, which would be unconnected from the TNHS building. Additionally, the united 6-12 grade schools was a previously discussed option.

A one middle school and one high school

option was mentioned by committee members. With this proposed model, members ask if they could get data on what it would look like for each county high school to become the sole one in the district.

The Local Planning Committee will be meeting next month at the New Haven School with the public forum beginning at 5:30 p.m. with the regularly scheduled meeting following immediately after.

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to noon, Bardstown Farmers Market is opening for the first time this season. With new leadership at the helm, the market will see a plethora of new vendors and favorite veterans.

After opening day, the Bardstown Farmers Market will be open Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon at the Dixie Hibbs Pavilion in Bardstown.

Nancy Hughes, Farmers Market Treasurer and vendor, said for this spring they have 30 vendors and have brought in many new vendors. Hughes said they have farmers and crafters that are from all across Bardstown and Nelson County with a few from surrounding areas such as Washington County.

Through the season as plants ebb and flow, Hughes said their numbers dwindled through the season. However, this year with the large influx of community vendors, she’s optimistic the market will be full through the spring, summer and into the fall.

“We’ve tried to reach out to more people, to get more people interested,” she said.

Looking to opening day, she said they’ll have all number of flowers, plants, fresh produce, home-baked goods, soaps and candles, hand-crafted woodworks and much, much more. Hughes laughed and admitted they were glad to have so many vendors this season — the only downside being less parking in the market’s lot.

Other items at this year’s market include local meats, mushrooms, preserves, jams and jellies, clay creations, gourmet dog treats and a variety of fabric crafts

as well. Hughes said she hopes the large selection encourages the community to support local businesses and snag all their essentials at the good price.

“We have several people that raise plants,” Hughes said. “... A lot of people have the vegetable plants, the tomatoes, peppers, different squashes, cucumber plants. It’s nice to see them grow locally instead of in the box stores. They’re a lot more reasonable and they’re fresh, not transported a long way.”

Another aspect for the Farmers Market this year is their continued outreach to the community. For opening day, Hughes said they will have the Easter Bunny present for the younger members of the community. However, looking ahead to the coming weeks, she said they’re planning themed days and outreach to bring more people to the growing market.

“I’m just excited about getting people involved, not only in the farmers market itself, but just as community, to pull together to get to know each other,” she said. “It’s also sort of a social event and I really enjoy the social aspect even; you see a lot of friends and people you haven’t seen for years.”

Some of the upcoming activities for the Farmers Market include: April 22 for Earth Day with giveaways and recycling opportunities, April 25 for Arbor Day for a tree sale and a free red maple tree planting set and Derby Week for April 28 to May 3 with Derby Day activities including chance to win a Derby pie.

To keep updated with Bardstown Farmers Market and more of its upcoming event follow it on Facebook at Bardstown Farmers Market.



# Bardstown Farmers Market

**OPENING April 19th, 2025!**  
**Tuesday, Friday, Saturday 8am-12pm**

Easter Bunny 9AM-Noon  
Lem’s Cafe 8AM-Noon  
Gift Certificate Giveaway



Come on down and meet our new vendors and see your usual favorites!

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