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County Board of Education approves DFP

Nelson County Schools looks at tentative budget

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Nelson County Schools' Board of Education approved the District Facility Plan in a 3-2 vote on Tuesday. After several months of meetings for the district's Local Planning Committee, NCS Board of Educa-

tion approved the facilities document in the last week of the school year. Board members each expressed their opinions on the needs document — the largest point of contention for members being the two proposed 6-12 grade buildings for the east and west side of the county.

The night's votes were Board Chair Tracy Bowling and Board Members Karen Lee and Joedy Gilliland in favor of the DFP. Board Members Amanda Deaton and David Norman voted no. Deaton said she has heard the community's need for decisions and want to move forward with district facilities. She said addressing NCS' feeder patterns is also at top of mind. She said the District Facility Plan

contains a number of projects that she supports, such as much-needed renovations to the district's oldest buildings and much-needed upgrades for other schools. However, some of her concerns center around the feeder patterns — NCS elementary schools will still feed into different high schools.

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49th Wine and Cheese Tasting back on Saturday



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A new addition to last year's Rotary wine tasting event, the charcuterie board was a hit among guests, enjoying the unique food pairings with their drinks.

Annual Rotary Club event brings in community support

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Almost five decades and hundreds of bottles of wine later, Bardstown Rotary Club's annual Wine and Cheese Tasting Festival kicks off next Saturday. On May 31, the 49th annual Wine and Cheese Festival

will take place at the My Old Kentucky Home State Park Rotunda, presented by Bardstown Rotary Club. As the organization has grown over the last several years, so too has its hallmark event. Tara Filiatreau, Rotary member and event organizer, said their 49th stays true to

their formula, but adds more for the community experience. Last summer, the event offered up a new pairing to their wine and cheese — a full-scale charcuterie board had a variety for attendees to enjoy along with their reds, whites and everything in between. This new staple to the

event will be back this year. "People come to keep coming back year after year," she said. "... (It) is just a nice event that people come together and support the community and give back, but still have fun."

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Fiscal Court meetings will be in NC Public Library starting in July

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Nelson County engineer Brad Spalding reported at Tuesday's regular Fiscal Court meeting that the begin date for the \$1.4 million renovation project to the Old Courthouse is July 1, and he said it's a 180-day project. "They're going to be out here for a while," Spalding said. The project entails renovation of the first floor — the second

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Bardstown City Schools OK's tentative budget

District moves forward with next construction phase

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Bardstown Board of Education looked at next year's budget and the future of their facilities at Tuesday's regular meeting as the school year comes to end. The district's tentative budget for Fiscal Year 2026 was presented on Tuesday, with the total budget amounting to more than \$57 million. Fund One, the district's general

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Day Out with Thomas returns to KRM

Railway Museum preps for two-weekend event

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Thomas the Train makes his stop in New Haven next week as the beloved children's character celebrates 80 years. The two-weekend event brings more than 8,000 people to southern Nelson County each year with dozens of families and young children eager to catch a glimpse of Thomas

the Train. On May 31 and June 1, 7 and 8, families can celebrate Thomas the Train's 80th birthday with a train ride, games, crafts and more as a part of Day Out with Thomas. Lynn Kustes, Marketing Director for the Kentucky Railway Museum, said they are already making way for Thomas at the museum. The event's gift shop — full of Thomas merchandise, memorabilia and toys — replaces KRM's museum during the first two weekends in

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The Kentucky Railway Museum will host a "A Day Out With Thomas" May 31-June 1 and June 7-8, bringing excited families to New Haven to see the popular Thomas the Train from the popular children's series.

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