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Protestors attend a Hands Off! rally in Paducah on April 12.



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Protestors hold signs at the Paducah Hands Off! rally, April 12.

Locals gather for ‘Hands Off!’ protest in Paducah

Rally postponed for severe weather draws demonstrators from across west Kentucky

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Despite a week-long delay caused by severe weather across the region, Paducah residents turned out in force on Saturday to join a national pro-democracy movement with a rally in the city. Hosted by Four Rivers Indivisible, a non-partisan volunteer organization, the Hands Off! Western Kentucky Fights Back rally drew an estimated 225 people to the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 184 parking lot on Broadway Street.

The event was one of several across Kentucky rescheduled from the original mobilization date of April 5, when millions gathered around the U.S. with the stated aim of defending democratic institutions and civil liberties.

Indivisible groups from Owensboro and northern Kentucky also held events on April 12 that had similarly been postponed by flooding, torrential rainfall and tornado threats.

A number of groups — including demonstrators in Bowling Green, Louisville, Danville and the Bluegrass Activist Alliance in Lexington — held events last weekend despite the rainfall, and the group in Bowling Green rallied again Saturday in solidarity with those

who couldn’t attend the previous weekend’s event.

Saturday’s rally brought together a diverse crowd from Paducah and surrounding communities. Participants arrived from Mayfield, Murray, Madisonville and Hopkinsville, in Kentucky, as well as from Metropolis and Cadiz in Illinois.

Enthusiastic attendees waved signs and lined the edge of the parking lot, drawing frequent honks of support from passing vehicles.

Speakers at the event included faith leaders, young activists and labor organizers.

Rev. Amanda Groves and Rev. Leah Eubanks opened and closed the event, while young speakers such as Michael McVicker and Murray State student Joshua Lawrence addressed campus freedoms and youth engagement.

“We can’t do business as usual as Democrats or leftists...we need to create a multigenerational, multiracial, working-class coalition,” McVicker said.

Lawrence said: “I’d like to make the demand that more people in my generation show up to these sorts of events. I saw a few people my age there, but we were greatly outnumbered by the older generations.”

“Don’t get me wrong, I’m eternally grateful to the older people for coming,” Lawrence added. “We are the future of this country and we need to take advantage of that.”

Brian Courtney, a business agent for Local 184, gave a fiery speech on labor’s critical role in preserving democratic values.

Alex Waldrop, a recently retired attorney with roots in Kentucky’s horse racing industry, read moving works by local veterans.

“Hands Off! is a rejection of the corruption, lawlessness and predatory politics of the Trump-Musk administration,” Waldrop said. “Many of us are alarmed at the level of involvement of an unelected billionaire who is making decisions that are destroying livelihoods, gutting public resources, and driving up costs without finding any real fraud.”

Waldrop emphasized that the purpose of the protests is to call on Congress to use its power as a co-equal branch of government in order to hold the executive branch accountable. Waldrop’s readings included poetry by retired Col. Gene Nettles of Hickman and anonymous contributions from veterans who expressed feeling silenced by the government they once served.



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Leslie McColgin, co-Leader of Four Rivers Indivisible, speaks to the crowd of protestors at the Hands Off! rally in Paducah.

One piece detailed the struggle veterans have accessing essential VA health care amid federal funding cuts.

Audience members also participated in interactive activities, including one titled “FREE AMERICA,” in which attendees named freedoms they felt were under threat, as well as a series of “Hands Off!” chants supporting

social programs such as Social Security and veterans services.

Four Rivers Indivisible has no immediate plans for future events; however, organizers

said they expect to participate in another national mobilization day on May 1, which will likely focus on partnerships with organized labor.

FNB Bank welcomes Robbins as ag commercial lender

MAYFIELD — Former Murray State football player Camden Robbins has joined FNB Bank as an ag commercial lender.

FNB said Robbins has a lifelong connection to agriculture, which will aid him in the role. He grew up working on his family’s farm, where he most recently served as assistant farm manager. In his new role as an ag commercial lender, FNB said Camden will partner with farmers and other agricultural businesses to “provide tailored guidance and financial solutions to support their growth and long-term success.”

Camden is originally from Fairfield, Illinois, and he currently lives in

Murray. In addition to playing football at Murray State University, he graduated summa cum laude last year. At Murray State, he earned a bachelor’s degree in agriculture science, and he’s set to earn a master’s degree in agricultural science this May.

“We’re thrilled to welcome Camden to the FNB team as our new Ag Commercial Lender,” a statement from FNB EVP/Chief Lending Officer Lori Noel read. “Camden brings a

unique blend of hands-on experience and academic expertise to the role. Growing up on his family farm has afforded Camden a deep appreciation for the challenges and opportunities faced by the agricultural community, and he is dedicated to helping our clients succeed in today’s dynamic agricultural landscape.”



CAMDEN ROBBINS

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