



Pictured, from left, are Rhesa Barber, MCHS operations coordinator; Sandy Jones, Montgomery County Schools Nutrition Director; Rocco Hall, Marcus MacMaster; Candace Minnich; Kaili Tackett, Zoe Denniston (student winners of the \$25 gift cards.) Photos and article submitted.



Above: Candace Minnich, Sandy Jones and Rhesa Barber.



Above: Candace Clayton Minnich, The Nancy Green Project, talking to students about Green's accomplishment's and scholarship opportunities.

# Montgomery County Schools celebrate Nancy Green

Tuesday, March 4, all Montgomery County public schools celebrated Nancy Green, born in Montgomery County March 4, 1834. Green, not only portrayed the original "Aunt Jemima" and was America's first living trademark, but in her later years went on to become a missionary, philanthropist and played an integral part in supporting women and minorities rights, along with impoverished youths in the Chicago area.

On her birthday, Green's life was celebrated and legacy with a pancake brunch for lunch at all Montgomery County schools, which included a pancake bar with all kinds of toppings.

Candace Minnich, with the Nancy Green Project, was onsite at Montgomery County High School talking to seniors about the scholarship program offered annually by the organization. Sandy Jones,

Montgomery County Schools nutrition director, oversees the pancake lunch. Walmart donated four \$25 gift cards that were awarded to students during each lunch block. Minnich hosted a history of Nancy Green trivia game and students who participated were put in a drawing for the gift cards.

This is the third year that the Montgomery County school system has supported the pancake lunch, which has now become an annual celebration.

"It is a great way to promote our scholarship program and talk to our youths. The Nancy Green Project remains laser focused on educating our young people, while preserving the legacy of Nancy Green, one conversation at a time," a release said.

The Nancy Green "Pancake Queen" Spring Festival is set for Saturday, April 26, in the courthouse square.

## MCTC registration open for summer, fall 2025

The future starts now. Maysville Community and Technical College is excited to welcome new and returning students, as Summer and Fall 2025 registration is now open. Whether students are looking to launch a new career, gain valuable skills or take the first step toward a credential, MCTC offers various programs and support to help them succeed.

With numerous benefits such as hybrid instruction, affordable tuition, financial aid opportunities and personalized support, MCTC provides an accessible and high-quality education for students in our service area, a release said.

"We are committed to helping students succeed in providing educational pathways that lead to rewarding career opportunities," said Natalee Brown, director of recruitment at MCTC. "Whether students are just beginning their journey

at MCTC, returning to complete a degree or seeking new career opportunities, many programs are tailored to their needs."

With more than 30 programs to choose from, prospective students can explore fields such as IT, nursing, EMS, automotive technology and so much more. MCTC also offers several transfer pathways for those looking to continue their education at four-year institutions.

Those interested in registering for the Fall 2025 semester can visit the online appointment scheduling at <https://go.oncehub.com/mctcnewstudent>.

Academic advisers and staff are available to guide students through the enrollment process, discuss financial aid options and help them create a schedule that best fits their daily needs.

Don't wait to register; secure your spot as soon as possible.

## Police dept. accepting bids for mobile data terminals

By Tom Marshall  
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The Mt. Sterling Police Dept. is currently accepting bids for mobile data terminals that it believes will help officers in the field.

With an \$83,400 Homeland Security Grant the dept. received at the end of last year, the dept. plans to outfit 20 of them in patrol vehicles, police Lt. Aaron Noel told the Advocate.

Once the bids are in, the dept. will pick a company and begin or-

dering, Noel said.

The dept. hopes to have all of them installed by this summer, he said.

The patrol vehicles will need to be outfitted with mounts and printers, Noel said.

"This will help officers and dispatchers with better communication, quicker response times and more in-depth investigations when officers are out on the road," Noel said.

The vehicles will have access to FLOCK, CAD (computer aided

dispatch), court records and pictures right at officers' fingertips, he said.

Flock cameras are used to help law enforcement solve and prevent crime by capturing license plates and vehicle characteristics. They can also help deter crime, according to law enforcement.

CAD is a technology tool used primarily by emergency response agencies and public safety organizations to efficiently manage and dispatch resources.

"These MDT's will keep us in line with the ever-changing technology in policing," Noel said.

He said the dept. is making a concerted effort to obtain as much grant money as it can with the large amount of grants that are available to the public safety sector.

"We are going after whatever we can," Noel said. "If it's something we need or would help serve the community better, we might as well try."

## Traditional Bank increases match to flood relief fund

Following the devastating floods that ravaged eastern Kentucky, Traditional Bank established the Eastern KY Flood Relief Fund. As an incentive to encourage donations, and increase the fund's impact, they provided a dollar for dollar donation match in the amount of \$25,000.

Through the generous support of local communities, the match was met, a release said. In response to this amazing

generosity, Traditional Bank has increased its matching pledge from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

The bank is partnering with Christian Appalachian Project (CAP) to ensure 100 percent of all donations will be put to work directly for the relief and recovery in impacted communities. CAP's Disaster Relief Program has set up a Command Center and has already begun assessing damage,

cleanup and the most beneficial ways to assist communities right now, including distributing critical supplies directly to families in need, according to a release.

Traditional Bank CEO Andy Baker said, "It's going to be a tough road ahead for many, and our bank is dedicated to providing hope and help where we can. It's why we partnered with Christian Appalachian Project who has

the local infrastructure and volunteer network in place to make things happen quickly and efficiently."

Donations may be made online at [www.traditionalbank.com/disaster-relief](http://www.traditionalbank.com/disaster-relief) or in person at any Traditional Bank location in Montgomery, Bourbon, Clark, Fayette, Franklin, Jefferson, Menifee and Shelby counties.

## Kalissa Reed named to Berea Dean's List

Kalissa Reed, a resident of Mt. Sterling, has been named to the Fall 2024 Dean's List at Berea College.

A student is named to the Dean's List who achieves a GPA of 3.4 or higher while pass-

ing at least four total credits, a course load equivalent to 16 semester hours.

Berea College, the first interracial and co-educational college in the South, focuses on learning, labor and ser-

vice. The college only admits academically promising students with limited financial resources, primarily from Kentucky and Appalachia, although students come from 46 states and 66 countries.

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## Support program offers services for caregivers

The Gateway Area Agency on Aging provides services to caregivers.

Nationwide, there are more than 22 million people who provide unpaid help to older persons. Caregivers are often relatives or friends who help with transportation, medications and household and personal care needs.

Studies show that prolonged caregiving can adversely affect one's physical and psychological health.

Under the National Family Caregiver Support Program, respite, counseling and other services are available to those who provide care for another person.

For information on these services, call toll free 855-882-5307. The office is located at 110 Lakepark Drive, Morehead, Ky., 40351.