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## Cuffs and Hoses scheduled for this weekend

By Gary Slone  
Staff Writer

Main Street in downtown Pikeville will be transformed into a giant block party on Aug. 9.

The third annual Cuffs and Hoses block party, to benefit the “Christmas

with a First Responder” program, will begin at 4 p.m.

“We’ve expanded the event this year to make it even more family-oriented,” Event Organizer Elizabeth Thompson said. “This year we’ll, of course, have

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## Brand named president at BSCTC



Dr. Samuel Todd Brand

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Kentucky Community and Technical College System President Ryan Quarles announced in a recent statement that Samuel

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## ‘Blessings in the Park’ serves children with school supplies, food, encouragement

By Mycca Decker  
Staff Writer

Children picked up free backpacks, school supplies, clothes and snow cones Saturday during the third annual “Blessings in the Park” event hosted by the Pikeville Community Kitchen in collaboration with the East Kentucky Dream Center.

Pikeville Community Kitchen Director Kathy Hamilton said, “We have the Dream Center here giving away clothes, and we’re giving away draw-string backpacks full of school supplies. We have pizzas and we have cupcakes. We are also giving out snow cones.”

Hamilton said while this is the third year the event has taken place in the park, the outreach itself has been running since before the COVID-19 pandemic.

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News-Express photo by Terry L. May  
Large numbers of people turn out for the annual “Blessings in the Park” event hosted by the Pikeville Community Kitchen. The organization conducts the yearly school supplies distribution and partners with other groups and businesses to provide an entertaining event that also includes free clothing and food.

## Food banks respond to SNAP cuts, regulations that could increase food insecurity

By Terry L. May  
News Editor

Potential federal funding cutbacks coupled with new work requirements could have far-reaching effects on hundreds of thousands

of people in Central and Eastern Kentucky who depend on SNAP benefits to extend their food budgets.

Almost 300,000 people across Central

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## Defendant indicates possible change of plea in federal child porn case

By Terry L. May  
News Editor

A Pikeville man accused of the possession and production of child pornography filed a motion asking the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky to extend certain procedural dates regarding his case.

According to court records, Lonnie James Maynard, 54, of Burning Fork, is scheduled to stand trial on Aug. 18 on federal charges of production of child pornography and possession of child pornography in Ashland.

The motion, filed July 31, by his

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