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Board looks at realignment with options

By THOMAS J. BARR
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SHEPHERDSVILLE – It may be the dreaded word in the world of public education.

Whether it is called redistricting or realignment, the subject is a difficult one for any school district.

But, with a few new caveats, any future proposal to realign school boundaries in Bullitt County may be a bit more tolerable.

Troy Wood, operations direc-

tor for BCPS, presented school board members with the first look at a demographics study which has been conducted recently.

And that initial study, which factored in a look five years into the past, as well as five years into the future, shows that there is a need for changes.

Wood said that if the board made any changes, they would not go into effect until the 2026-27 school year.

The last major district

realignment occurred in 2010. Eight years ago, a minor redistricting was done to affect a few schools.

Knowing that it is an unpopular move, Wood said the reason that the study was conducted was to ensure balance of enrollment within school buildings, efficiency in transportation and to look at the shifts in populations in the various communities.

Wood presented the capacity levels at various schools.

At Zoneton Middle and Nichols Elementary, the student enrollment was less than 50 percent capacity.

At the other end of the spectrum, Pleasant Grove Elementary, Mount Washington Elementary, Freedom Elementary and Hebron Middle were over capacity.

Looking five years down the road, the numbers at some of the over capacity schools continued

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Grandfather provision to let families not change schools will be part of proposal

Few talk about land-use plan of future

By THOMAS J. BARR
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SHEPHERDSVILLE – The comprehensive plan is seen as an important tool for helping shape how the county develops over the course of the next five years.

However, only a handful of individuals chose to attend the public hearing on the new version of the plan that was being considered Thursday by the Bullitt County Joint Planning Commission.

And, from what members heard, the unanimous decision was to send the plan to fiscal court and eight municipal bodies for their final vote on a document that will guide the county for the next five years.

However, the three voices heard at the planning commission was more than the views heard by Bullitt Fiscal Court.

No one spoke during the public hearing held at the March 4 fiscal court meeting.

As required by law, planning administrator Charlie Spalding said the goals and objectives of the plan should be reviewed or revised every five years. Bullitt County has fallen behind schedule.

He presented the outline of the plan and commissioners had few comments.

Decisionmakers will have a new tool to use when rezoning requests are made. Spalding will have three versions of a checklist, depending on the type of request is made.

The biggest discussion centered around the land use map, which has colors associated with how property is projected to develop over the next few years.

Steven Phelps, a long-time advocate for better planning, inquired

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Southeast Bullitt shows off pair of new fire trucks



ARPA funds through county helps to put district in good shape for years

By STEPHEN THOMAS
THE PIONEER NEWS

CLERMONT — When giving birth to twins, there's more pushing involved.

The Southeast Bullitt Fire Department gathered community members and fellow firefighters to assist with a traditional push-in ceremony of its new twins, the department's two newest trucks.

The symbolic ceremony involved two new Pierce models purchased for the department following an agreement

with Bullitt Fiscal Court. The county helped purchase the trucks in exchange for the old Southeast Bullitt firehouse property located near the former county animal shelter.

Southeast Bullitt chief Erik Butler said the ceremony was a time to celebrate the working deal that led to the new trucks.

"Everyone was happy," Butler said.

Bullitt County judge/executive Jerry Summers was invited to speak during the ceremony. Summers thanked all the firefighters and emergency

services employees.

"We can't thank Southeast Bullitt and Chief Butler enough," said Summers.

Butler said the push-in ceremony was "a source of pride across the country, especially in smaller communities," dating back to the days of horse-drawn engines and tankers that needed to be pushed back into firehouses.

"It serves as a way to bring a

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Spring arrives, Style Show sure to be on the agenda

By STEPHEN THOMAS
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SHEPHERDSVILLE — The Bullitt County Woman's Club always likes to do things in style, especially one particular event.

The 53rd annual Irene Carroll Scholarship Luncheon & Style Show is scheduled for Saturday, March 22, at Paroquet Springs Conference Centre.

Proceeds from the event will be put toward annual scholarships provided by the club. Each year BCWC provides a scholarship to a student representing each of

Bullitt County's three high schools.

"We give one scholarship of \$3,000 to each high school," said BCWC representatives Lou Ann Moore. "The scholarships are based on grade-point average, and students write a small essay about their future plans. They also list their clubs and volunteer work."

As of 2025, BCWC has donated over \$300,000 in scholarship funding for local students. Unlike other scholarships, Moore said the club based their selections on which students would benefit most from the assistance.

"A large part of it is need," she said. "There are so many students that do a lot and they get a lot of the other scholarships."

This year's luncheon and style show include the theme, "Planting Seeds for Tomorrow's Future." Moore said BCWC placed an emphasis this year on bringing in newer members and preparing them to become the club's next leaders.

Doors open at 11:30 am, with lunch served at 11:45. The event will include silent auctions for bids, with proceeds also benefitting the scholarships.

Moore mentioned that this year's share package highlight is a one-week condominium stay in Myrtle Beach, S.C. Entires will be \$1 per share. Door prizes will also be distributed during the event.

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In keeping with its longstanding tradition, BCWC welcomes scholarship recipients and their families to the event, allowing each an opportunity to speak and share their future plans and goals.

"That's the highlight of the show, really," Moore admitted. The event culminates with

the style show itself, will all club members participating as this year's models. Fashions will be provided by four Bullitt County stores, including Country Vogue Boutique, Grace on Main, Grit and Lace Studios & Boutique, and Small Town Mama Boutique.

The guest emcee will be Kristie Hicks Crenshaw, former Miss Kentucky America and Miss Kentucky Teen USA and current regional storytelling champion with the National Speakers Association.

Tickets for the luncheon

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