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Middle school fun event this Friday night

By **STEPHEN THOMAS**
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SHEPHERDSVILLE — Some of tomorrow’s leaders are learning early on in Bullitt County about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse and its impact on students’ lives. More important, they’re learning those lessons in a proper and positive way.

The Bullitt County Youth Council was established in 2022 by Bullitt County Partners In Prevention to allow high school students an opportunity to help combat drug and alcohol abuse, implementing efforts by peers to provide assistance at a parallel level.

Recently BCYC was awarded for its efforts by receiving the Major General Arthur T. Dean Chairman’s Award, presented to a group of BCYC students during the annual Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) Conference in Washington, DC.

Each year a National Coalition Academy program is recognized for their outstanding achievements and efforts to apply what they have learned through their experience as a coalition. BCYC members provided a PowerPoint video as part of its application.

Sarah Smith, Bullitt County Public Schools Safe and Drug-Free Schools coordinator, said the award served

as a testament to BCYC’s community contribution, effective communication, and advocacy.

“This distinguished award celebrates BCYC’s exemplary leadership and advocacy for positive change,” said Smith. “BCYC stands as a beacon for youth leadership and community empowerment.”

Smith credited the award for emphasizing BCYC’s role in its ongoing efforts to provide healthier communities in Bullitt County.

“It underscores the vital role that young people play,” she said. “Their passion, see **YOUTH**/Page A-6

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Flood waters made South Buckman Street impassable on Sunday as businesses hoped to avert damage



Bill Harned measures the depth of the water outside his building on Joe B. Hall Avenue

Parts of county hit by flood waters

By **THOMAS J. BARR**
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LEBANON JUNCTION – It could have been worse.

Many parts of Bullitt County continue to suffer through catastrophic flood waters but many officials say it could have been worse. Especially, for the residents of Lebanon Junction.

With as much as 10 inches of rain falling in the past week, many of the normal low areas experienced flooding from the Salt River and Rolling Fork River. And it will be weeks before all of those waters will disappear.

But with the cooperation and communication between the various agencies, local officials were very pleased with the handling of a difficult situation.

Bullitt County Emergency Management Agency assistant director John Waters said there were no fatalities, few minor

injuries and over 100 water rescues over the past week.

While not quite at the recovery stage, Waters said that the Salt River crest on Sunday was about two feet lower than predicted. The Rolling Fork River was still awaiting its crest. And the crest on the Salt River was over four feet lower than the 1997 flood.

The resounding tone of officials was that the planning by the emergency management agencies and the communication throughout the ordeal were vital to a successful handling of the situation.

“I am so proud,” Bullitt County Judge Jerry Summers said of the teamwork displayed.

No matter the resource needed, Summers said it was made available. All the fire departments worked together, with Shepherdsville and Zoneton handling the water rescues. Pleasure

Ridge Park Fire also assisted all of the local departments.

Police agencies provided manpower, as well as the Bullitt County Sheriff’s Office.

The National Guard came to the county, as well as the American Red Cross, which opened shelters. As of Monday afternoon, only the Roby Elementary and Lebanon Junction Elementary shelters were still open.

Summers added superintendent Dr. Jesse Bacon and his staff worked perfectly in providing schools for shelter sites. BCPS students were not in session on Monday and Tuesday (used as a Bullitt Day for staff) and a decision was to be made on whether students would have in-person learning or NTI on Wednesday.

Waters said that the planning which actually started months see **FLOOD**/Page A-6

Shelters provide safety, comfort for displaced families

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SHEPHERDSVILLE — As flood waters in Bullitt County

continued to increase, so did the number of visitors at the makeshift county shelters.

Six locations were initially designated as flood shelters in a joint effort between the

county and the Red Cross to assist with area residents needing to evacuate their homes.

Shepherdsville residents Thomas and Kaytlynn Keene

left their home in the Kings Forest subdivision for the shelter located at Roby Elementary on Saturday evening, with their 2-year-old son and 14-year-old cousin.

“We have a small car, so we got out early,” Kaytlynn said. The couple mentioned that a bridge accessing the

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