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# Couple indicted for sex abuse charges

By THOMAS J. BARR  
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SHEPHERDSVILLE – A Nelson County couple has been indicted for alleged actions involving sexual abuse of a child. While another man has been indicted in the vehicular homicide of another person. The indictments were recently handed down by the Bullitt County Grand Jury. John Kevin Taylor, 48, and his wife, Michelle Taylor, 43, were indicted for incidents occurring between March 10 and March 12, 2025.

According to the indictments, John Taylor was charged with sexual abuse of a victim under 12 years of age, tampering with physical evidence and two counts of possession of material portraying a sexual performance by a minor. The charges against Michelle E. Taylor were single counts of distribution of material portraying a minor in a sexual performance, complicity to tampering with physical evidence and failure to report child dependent neglect. John Taylor allegedly had sexual contact with a minor under 12 years of age and he had material which depicted a minor in a sexual act.

He was also charged with trying to destroy physical evidence. For Michelle Taylor, she was charged with distributing matter which depicted a minor in a sexual performance. She also was charged with complicity to tamper with physical evidence. And she faces a misdemeanor charge of failure to notify proper authorities that a child had been neglected or abused. Michelle Taylor faces the most serious charge of a Class B felony, which is punishable by 10-20 years in prison. John Taylor faces a Class C felony, which is see **INDICT**/Page A-5

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# New site for wine, whiskey & ale event

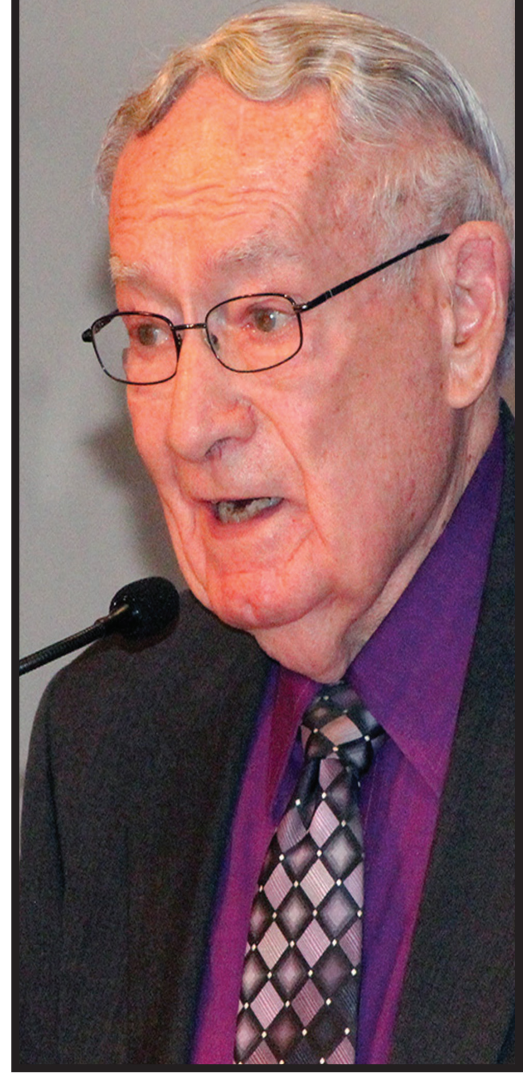
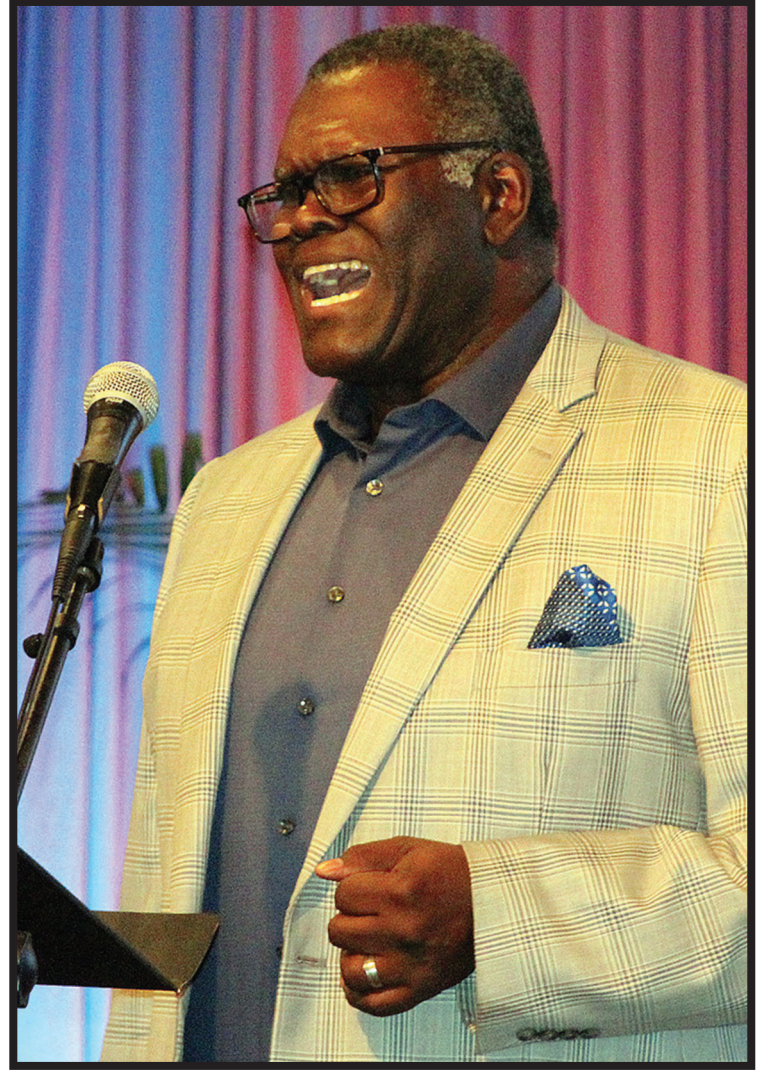
By STEPHEN THOMAS  
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SHEPHERDSVILLE - A little bit of rainwater won't stop local event coordinators from assisting veterans. The Wine Whiskey & Ale Fest returns to Shepherdsville this year, presented by the City of Shepherdsville and the Shepherdsville/Bullitt County Tourist and Convention Commission, with proceeds benefitting Active Heroes. “(The city) thought about this, and we presented the idea to the (the tourist commission),” said Shepherdsville community planner Amber Odle. “Since there was a Wine Whiskey & Ale Trail, we thought why not highlight the members.” The event is moving its location from last year due to recent flooding, according to Odle. The new location is officially at 150 Frank E. Simon Ave., including the area between the Bullitt County Judicial Center and the Shepherdsville Community Center. Frank E. Simon Ave. will be closed for the duration of the event.

Meanwhile, Odle mentioned that plenty of parking would be available behind the Judicial Center and near the Bullitt County Courthouse. She said the south end of Frank E. Simon Ave., at Joe B. Hall Ave., would serve as an entrance/exit for parking access. The Wine Whiskey & Ale Fest will feature tastings of local beverages as the event's showcase. Tastings will be provided by Brooks Hill Winery, Forest Edge Winery, Four Roses Warehouse & Bottling, Gallant Fox Brewing Co., James B. Beam Distilling Co., Millanova Winery, Salt River Brewing Co., and Wight-Meyer Winery. Odle said patrons can buy tasting wristbands for \$10, giving them access to all participating booths. Meanwhile, beverages will be available for individual purchases. Odle reminded that anyone purchasing an alcoholic beverage must show proof of age and receive a wristband. Tasting booths will be located at the front portion of the event, near Frank E. Simon Ave., with several food trucks scheduled to provide a variety of tastes in the back of the lot. Odle said there will be a dining tent set up with public seating available. “You can bring a chair, but it might get a little cramped in there,” she said. According to Odle, Louisville Water Co. will also attend the event. She added that hand washing stations and porta-pottys would be located throughout the lot. Entertainment will be provided courtesy of Exit 105, a local favorite. Odle said the band would perform in front of the old Drug Court building, located in the center of the lot, on its

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## HOLY WEEK SERVICE



Bro. Jimmy Masden leads the service in music and Bro. Carl Thomas brought the message

By STEPHEN THOMAS  
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SHEPHERDSVILLE — One of Bullitt County's newer Easter traditions has become a gathering of individuals from various churches, celebrating the season together in the form of Community Holy Week Services at Shepherdsville Christian Church.

Each weekday at noon a service was held, with different guest speakers and musical performers each day, along with a free lunch

provided by various churches. Shepherdsville Christian pastor David Conway provided a welcome, invocation and benediction. Guest speakers included Chaplain Billy Green with Truck Stop Ministries, Pastor Randy Pace with Mt. Zion Worship Center, Bro. Carl Thomas with Immanuel Baptist, Rev. Bob Sweeney with Davidson Memorial United Methodist, and Rev. George Lowe with Hebron Presbyterian.

Music was provided courtesy of Billy Green, Brother Jimmy

Masden, Kelly Daniel and Jackie Hall. Lunches were provided by Mt. Zion Worship Center, Immanuel Baptist, Davidson Memorial and Herbron Presbyterian, as well as Shepherdsville Christian. The event is always free and open to the community. Donations were accepted befitting Fellowship of Concern, a local long-time faith-based charitable association that has assisted with food, medicine, and utilities assistance over the years.



Large crowds came to Shepherdsville Christian Church for Holy Week services

# Bullitt County EMS to provide service for West Point

By THOMAS J. BARR  
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SHEPHERDSVILLE – When residents of the Hardin County city of West Point need

medical emergency care, they will have a new responder. Bullitt County Fiscal Court approved an interlocal agreement with Hardin County to provide EMS service to West Point.

Bullitt County Judge/Executive Jerry Summers said it is a simple matter of having an ambulance and crew closer to West Point than could be provided by Hardin County EMS.

With the ambulance housed 24/7 in Nichols, Summers said the response time is much quicker if served by Bullitt County EMS. He added that the crew based in Nichols would have the time available

to answer any calls. There would be no monetary considerations between the counties. Under the agreement, Bullitt County EMS would be see **EMS**/Page A-5

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