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MW officials discuss recent water line break

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MOUNT WASHINGTON information about a main line water break that occurred in Mount Washington on Monday, August 18, followed by an unrelated, isolated break two days later.

At the August 25 meeting, mayor

the break and the aftermath, the situation. He said the main City officials spilled all the line from Louisville affected everyone in the city when it failed.

> "We hate that it happened, and we worked diligently to correct was coming, no issues. We don't work permits."

Stuart Owen provided insight on think it could've been prevented."

Public Works crews immediately detailing what the city did to handle assessed the situation by locating the failed area. A delay occurred when employees needed to check for a potential live electrical wire in the pit with the water.

"Once the area is located, we (the issue)," he said. "There was must follow procedure," Owen nothing that indicated the break said. "We had to get all the proper

repairs, with a bypass line installed the Robert Alexander Center, on Tuesday. Meanwhile, Owen courtesy of Bullitt Septic Service. said Bullitt County Emergency Management and Bullitt County area businesses and individuals Public Schools were alerted early for their assistance, along with Tuesday morning. BCPS classes Louisville Water who provided were canceled on Tuesday as a

The city provided water and portable restrooms to its three

The water was shut off during senior center facilities as well as Owen personally thanked many pumps.

acknowledged Owen

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Stephen Thomas

North Bullitt High School principal Kristi Lynch is shown.

NB principal earns state administrator award

BY STEPHEN THOMAS THE PIONEER NEWS

HEBRON ESTATES — Momma Eagle brought a special treat back to the nest.

North Bullitt High School principal Kristi Lynch was selected as the 2025 School Level Administrator of the Year by the Kentucky Association of School Administrators.

The award is presented by KASA to honor exceptional leadership and commitment to advance the educational field.

means to lead with heart, purpose, and vision," said KASA chief executive officer Dr. Rhonda Caldwell. "She's not only strengthened her own school, she's lifted an entire community of educators."

In her fourth year as North Bullitt principal, Lynch arrived at a time when leadership turnovers were frequent. As many as five principals stayed two years or less for various reasons, such as changing districts or accepting other

"Lynch's leadership has been nothing short of catalytic," Caldwell said. "This

"Kristi Lynch exemplifies what it award is a reflection of the lasting change she's inspired."

A Louisville native, Lynch first taught in South Carolina, then in Hardin and Meadecounties. She was an assistant principal in Hardin and Nelson Counties prior to North Bullitt.

"I didn't know the school too much, I came in just as scared as the freshmen," Lynch recalled. "I was aware of the turnover, and kids not wanting to be here, and some staff. I set out to change that. I love my job, and I wanted the

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Adam Shepherd RR crossing to be closed for repairs For years, there have been will be closed on Wednesday,

listen about the need to make Aug. 29, for repairs. repairs on the railroad

The announcement 61.

TODAY is that the crossing

cries to anyone who might Aug. 27, through Friday,

Obviously detours will be crossing on Adam Shepherd required. Highway 44 would Parkway in Shepherdsville. be the most logical. Another Oh, by the way, repairs option is to use Conestoga are coming...like tomorrow. Parkway to reach Highway

Be patient.

BCPS goes outside box for science teachers

BY THOMAS J. BARR THE PIONEER NEWS

SHEPHERDSVILLE - As System was seven teachers short in its classroom instructors.

That may not sound like a lot but it could affect 1,000 students out of a population of 13,000.

So, local educators went to their partners in the college world of producing future teachers. At the University of Louisville, there was one student majoring in the teaching field of science.

At Western Kentucky University, science majors are getting jobs with higher pay in other fields even before they start their student teaching.

There's nobody out there," said Dr. Amy Compton, director of secondary education for BCPS.

So, what is the alternative? You start to think out of the box using some skills learned during COVID.

During the pandemic, student learning came digitally. Some students, such as those who are part of the Bullitt County Virtual Academy, found that learning from the computer was a more effective way for them to learn.

With the shortage of science teachers in particular, Dr. Adrienne Usher, assistant superintendent of BCPS, said that finding a solution to an "urgent" problem needed some outside-of-the-box thinking.

Subject.com is a company based in California which can provide instruction for many areas, including middle and high school.

Usher said that the the new academic year company, which has a few approached, the Bullitt clients in Kentucky, has a County Public School plan that meets all state standards. But the program is not cheap. The district would have

> to pay for a teacher-of-record who is responsible for all reporting to ensure certification at each of the high schools.

There would be seven instructional tutors, one for each of the classrooms.

There would also be one teacher of record for the middle school level, with Hebron Middle, home of the science-based Discovery School, being the location.

Currently, the district has invested in instructional assistants at all of the schools. The instructional tutor positions would require a little more educational training. They would offer a higher level of pay and would work like a teacher's

contract. Two tutors will be hired per school.

The position would be for 7.5 hours per day, like classroom teachers.

Compton said the contract with Subject.com would be \$175,000, which includes the instruction material and three teachers of record.

While not a perfect solution, the on-line learning would allow students in science classes unfilled with a local classroom teacher to continue with their learning. And they would not fall behind in their pursuit of college.

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ELECTION 2026

Webber to run for county clerk

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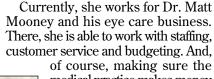
SHEPHERDSVILLE – While it is

her first race for political office, Sheri Webber is certainly no stranger to the electorial process.

Webber has filed her letter of intent to fill the open seat for Bullitt County Clerk. Kevin Mooney, who has held the seat for nearly 20 years, will not run for re-election in 2026.

Webber said she talked with Mooney about the position and was to run for the open position next year. able to learn some of the duties.

After that conversation, Webber knew that her skillset would be perfect for the position.



medical practice makes money is another key component. "I enjoy a challenge," said

the lifelong Bullitt County resident. "This is perfect for my skills. I think I would be a perfect fit."

Looking for her next step in life, Webber said that she fully expects several candidate

Fellow Republican Allen Maricle has also filled his letter of intent.

Sheri Webber

she has been a leader.

"I enjoy serving the people," said Webber. While it is early, Webber said she

is looking to make major changes as Mooney has served the office well.

But, with the growth of the county, Webber would like to at least study the idea of satellite offices. She understands that the cost of doing that must be considered.

It is her first race for office; however, she was part of the campaign for her husband, Russell. He served six terms as a member of the state House of Representatives. Plus, she said they often discussed issues and concerns during his tenure.

For the time being, Webber said Throughout her life, Webber said she will be busy talking to voters about why she is the best candidate.

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