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Grace Village gets lots of comments

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SHEPHERDSVILLE — There was no room in the room where the Shepherdsville City Council gathered to host a public hearing and first reading of a proposed rezoning ordinance involving Field of Grace Church. The independent Baptist church was

seeking rezoning on three connecting properties, hoping to convert them into a temporary transitional housing program site, as well as a new location for the Mark 12 Ministries thrift store. The properties also include an existing residence where program managers would reside.



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SEE GRACE/PAGE A4 The Shepherdsville Government Center was standing room only.



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BCPS superintendent Dr. Jesse Bacon cuts the ribbon at Zoneton Middle School's Paxton Patterson module lab showcase.

Module labs provide work success in middle schools

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ZONETON — A new plan for Bullitt County Public Schools to enhance College and Career Readiness is earlier exposure to potential future jobs at the middle school level.

Last year BCPS implemented College & Career Ready Labs at each middle school, created by Paxton Patterson Labs. The company created lab modules to introduce students to problem-based, real-world technology via multiple career pathways to better determine their future interests.

Zoneton Middle School hosted a ribbon cutting for its Paxton Patterson Lab, as well as a showcase of the lab which is hosted by teacher Zachary Greenwell.

Principal Lesley Chadwell said each school received a mix of 16 modules, selected from 60 overall modules available through Paxton Patterson.

"Each BCPS school has a mix of modules," said Chadwell. "We looked at North Bullitt High School to align with their College and Career Readiness program, as well as determine student interests."

Chadwell mentioned that all ZMS 7th and 8th graders participate while 6th graders receive career exploration kits.

"This began last year, with students explaining their career interests earlier, and now they can explore what they like and what they maybe don't," she said. "This helped our 8th graders last year with scheduling for their first year of high school."

"Our main goal is to allow students to learn what they are passionate about," said BCPS superintendent Dr. Jesse Bacon. "It's another way to introduce opportunities for students. Our goal by the end of the school they have a career plan and are ready to work immediately."

Bacon said BCPS invested over \$1



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Zoneton students preparing food at the Intro to Culinary Arts module lab.

million for Paxton Patterson, which he felt was a great program to prepare students while exposing them to several career opportunities.

"We have to expose them to the things that are out there and available," he said. "They can create a plan that impacts them into high school and beyond."

Bacon thanked Paxton Patterson, as well as the school board, for approving the concept and developing a working strategy for all Bullitt County middle schools.

"Students can develop in many areas,

and it all correlates with education," said Bacon. "This program does that in a really authentic way. People see it and say they wish they had this opportunity in middle school. I'm excited that you get to see what our students get to experience every day."

Christy Coulter Rogers, a former BCPS principal representing Paxton Patterson, mentioned that an EMT module was placed in every middle school. She said many modules at the

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Lebanon Junction Festival fun this weekend

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LEBANON JUNCTION — It is that time of year when residents of this southern Bullitt County city comes out to celebrate.

The Lebanon Junction Main Street Festival will be held on Friday, Oct. 3, and Saturday, Oct. 4, along the downtown streets.

The featured event each year is the parade, which passes through downtown at around 10:30 a.m. on Saturday.

This year's theme will be Faith, Family and Friends and will once again be sponsored by the LJ Festival

Committee. While the parade brings thousands of spectators, there is a whole lot more to bring folks downtown. Things kick off on Friday at 5 p.m.

There will be a lot of booths and concessions available to visitors.

Derek Richardson's Chainsaw Art brings a unique attraction to the festival on both Friday and Saturday.

There will be live music from 6-9 p.m. on Friday and again from 7-10 p.m. on Saturday.

On the city property at

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Library to host traveling Holocaust museum

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SHEPHERDSVILLE — Bullitt County Public Library will provide the community with a special opportunity to learn and understand more about the Holocaust and its impact in the United States.

"Americans and the Holocaust" is a traveling museum presented by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM) in association with the American Library Association. The free exhibit will be hosted at the BCPL Central Branch in Shepherdsville Sept. 30 through Nov. 9.

The traveling exhibit includes 1,100 square feet based on the museum that first opened in Washington, DC, in April 2018, addressing such themes as American responses to refugees, war, and genocide during the 1930s and 1940s.

BCPL assistant manager Brandy Tyler said the library was one of 50 throughout the country who earned the grant that allowed the museum to be hosted locally.

"It was a very selective

grant application," she said.

The traveling exhibit will be featured all in one room at the library. Tyler said several large displays will allow visitors to read specific topics, such as the 1936 Berlin Olympics and media responses. Interactive kiosks will be available to allow patrons to hear audio versions.

"The exhibit is specific to Americans and how we reacted and responded to the Holocaust at the time," she said. "Visitors will be looking at genocide taking place from 1933 through 1945."

Tyler mentioned that the exhibit was designed to be as family-friendly as possible, with field trips available and encouraged for middle school and high school students. Teachers that are interested in scheduling a field trip should email brandy@bcplib.org.

The exhibit will be available for viewing whenever the library is open for business. The library will also host a few special events to help promote the traveling museum.

An opening celebration

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