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Spencer County School Nutrition update given at BOE meeting

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At the June 17 Spencer County Board of Education meeting, Spencer County Schools Nutrition Coordinator Stacy Carmany gave a presentation updating the board on her department, including highlights and goals for the upcoming school year.

The main topics of her presentation were:

- Staff
- Grant accomplishments
- Strong Connections that they continue to build within the district
- KDE and USDA updates
- Goals for the 2025/26 school year

There are five kitchens in the district, fully equipped to prepare

These photos of some of the food offered at the schools are colorful and vibrant. The picture in the upper left is the start of chicken fajitas on the new griddle at the high school, and at the top right is in celebration of Read Across America, with Dr.Suess' Green Eggs and Ham.

and provide breakfast, lunch, and after school snacks.

Within the six schools, there

caring employees, supporting the overall foundation of students with a focus in food and hospital-ity."

There were 402,846 meals served for the 2024/25 school year, which is over 33,000 more meals from the previous year,almost 200 more meals per school day.

"It's a huge increase in participation, knowing that our families are relying on our department to feed our children is a huge complement, and continues to provide more opportunities for us to grow," said Carmany.

"Our cafeteria managers lead with heart, a wealth of knowledge, and hard-working, driven attitudes. They all have unique strengths and depend on one another daily for their operations and school nutrition," said Carmany.

Carmany said that depending on these five ladies to lead the kitchen staff, and to provide for the students is "an amazing asset."

"I'm able to rely on them for projects, goals, and crazy ideas at times. They continue to grow themselves, and it's amazing watching them lead, teach and interact. They truly love what they do," said Carmany.

Carmany said that her and her staff like to have fun dressing up, creating vibrant atmospheres, teaching the children, and ensuring that they can rely on them for not just meals, but for a "Good morning!," "Happy to see you," How was your weekend?" and high-fives and hugs.

This year, Carmany and her staff focused on a "Menu Makeover," which included focusing on visual appeal, pairing items with appropriate colors, and offering various options.

For this year, the center of attention has been with Spencer County Middle School, and Spencer County High School, with a shift

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JD Shelburne makes Grand Ole Opry debut

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Taylorsville Native and Nashville recording artist JD Shelburne will make his Official Grand Ole Opry debut at the Opry House on Saturday, July 5 at 7 p.m.

Additional performers in the OPRY 100 Show will include Whisperin' Bill Anderson, Crystal Gayle, Gary Mule Deer, Kylie Frey, The Malpass Brothers, and more to be announced at a later date.

"The biggest achievement of my musical career is happening! I am still at a loss for words. Last Friday, June 20, I received an invitation from the Grand Ole Opry to make my Opry debut on July 5! My heart jumped out of my chest! I have been praying for this opportunity for many years, putting so much time into traveling, playing shows, and building a career I always dreamed would be

Opry-worthy. And here we are! Nothing could make me happier than this opportunity to share it with you, my dear friends and fans, the people who have taken this journey with me, supported me, loved and supported this Kentucky native's dream. And this is your debut as much as mine, as we did it together. When I step into that Circle, where all the Opry legends have stood, I know I'll see so many of your faces, and whether or not you can attend in person, this is our moment. I look forward to celebrating this special night with all my friends, fans, and family. It's going to be an emotional night!" - JD Shelburne

To purchase tickets, or more information, visit www.opry.com.

Photos from Shelburne's Bloomfield concert submitted by Heath Plum Photography.

Photo submitted

The Spencer County Sheriff's Office had its first SPV inspection on June 27.

Street-legal special purpose vehicles now allowed on roads in Spencer County

BY JEFF SOPLAND
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Spencer County residents' daily commute may soon start to look a little different than normal.

2025 Senate Bill 63 (SB63) allows statutorily qualified ATVs, UTVs, minitrucks, pneumatictired military vehicles, and full-sized special purpose vehicles to utilize roads within counties upon passage of a fiscal court ordinance within that county.

On June 16, the Spencer County Fiscal Court approved, by a vote of 4-2, to allow Special Purpose Vehicles to be operated on highways within Spencer County's jurisdictional limits by ordinance.

The ordinance adopted reads as follows:

"Spencer County, Kentucky Ordinance No. 26 Fiscal Year 2025 Series

An Ordinance of the Spencer County Fiscal Court Relating to Street-Legal Special Purpose Vehicles

WHEREAS, 2025 Ky. Acts ch. 89 (hereinafter "the Act") became law on March 26, 2025, and allows for the operation of street-legal special purpose vehicles on certain highways within the Commonwealth of Kentucky if allowed by ordinance of the local government within whose jurisdiction boundaries the highway is located; and

WHEREAS, the Act becomes effective on Friday, June 27, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Spencer County Fiscal Court has determined that it is appropriate to allow the operation of street-legal special purpose vehicles on specified highways within the jurisdictional boundaries of Spencer County in accordance with the Act and this ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY

ORDAINED, by the Fiscal Court of the County of Spencer, Commonwealth of Kentucky:

SECTION 1.

Definitions

The definitions set forth in Section 1(1) of the 2025 Ky. Acts ch. 89 (hereinafter "the Act"), and as may be amended in the future by the Kentucky General Assembly, are adopted and incorporated by reference as if set forth fully herein.

SECTION 2.

Designated Highways

Street-legal special purpose vehicles shall be allowed to the extent permitted by the Act on all highways that are located within the jurisdictional limits of Spencer County.

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