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Court proclaims Black History Month

Magistrates discuss animal welfare, parks projects and July Fourth plans

By JOSELY LABARRERE

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The Boyle County Fiscal Court proclaimed February as Black History Month and approved several community initiatives during its Feb. 10 regular meeting.

Judge-Executive Trille Bottom called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. Magistrate Barry Harmon delivered the invocation, and Ruth Goodwin, an eighth grader at Bate Middle School, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROCLAIMED

Magistrates unanimously approved a proclamation recognizing February as Black History Month in Boyle County.

The proclamation notes that African Americans have played a vital role in the founding, growth and defense of the United States and acknowledges their contributions across government, education, science, business, agriculture and the arts. The court also recognized the observance as part of

the county's participation in the America 250 commemoration marking the nation's 250th anniversary.

The proclamation encourages residents to learn about and honor the contributions of African Americans throughout the country's history.

PARKS PROJECTS PROGRESSING

Parks and Recreation Director Tommy Barton updated the court on several joint city-county capital projects.

Baseball and softball field

renovations are approximately 90% complete, though recent winter weather has delayed final work. Barton said games are scheduled to begin in three weeks, requiring creative solutions to finish

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BOYLE COUNTY FISCAL COURT
Boyle County Judge-Executive Trille Bottom presents a certificate of recognition to Bate Middle School student Ruth Goodwin during Tuesday's Fiscal Court meeting.



BOYLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Boyle County School Resource Officers are recognized during SRO Appreciation Day for their commitment to student safety and service.

Local agencies honor school resource officers

By JOSELY LABARRERE

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Law enforcement agencies in Boyle County and Danville recognized National School Resource Officer Appreciation Day on Feb. 15 by honoring officers assigned to local campuses and highlighting their work with students and staff, according to separate press releases.

The Boyle County Sheriff's

Office said school resource officers serve roles that extend beyond traditional law enforcement duties.

In addition to helping maintain campus safety, the agency noted that officers build relationships with students, provide mentorship and serve as visible, trusted figures within school communities.

The sheriff's office expressed appreciation for the officers'

commitment to Boyle County Schools and thanked them for their daily investment in students' well-being and development.

Officers recognized by the Boyle County Sheriff's Office include Sgt. Daylen Morris at Boyle County High School; Deputy Al Isaacs at Boyle County Middle School; Deputy Eddie Johnson at Woodlawn

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Lancaster man killed in three-vehicle crash

State police says driver tried to pass turning vehicle before head-on collision

By JOSELY LABARRERE

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An 80-year-old Lancaster man died Tuesday afternoon following a three-vehicle collision on Danville Road in Boyle County, according to a press release from Kentucky State Police.

Troopers with Kentucky State Police Post 7 in Richmond were contacted just before 4:15 p.m. Feb. 10 regarding the crash on Danville Road (KY-52) near the intersection of Goggin Lane, the release stated.

Preliminary investigation

See **LANCASTER**, 2A

Danville proclaims Black History Month, OKs audit

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The Danville City Commission proclaimed February as Black History Month, accepted a clean fiscal year 2025 audit and approved several administrative measures during a special-called meeting Feb. 9, Monday afternoon.

Mayor James J.H. Atkins called the meeting to order at

3:05 p.m., noting two commissioners were absent due to family medical issues. The commission began with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROCLAMATION

Commissioners unanimously approved a pro-

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