

Accreditation requires a commitment to excellence, a dedication to advancing research, and a promise to our patients to...

fight cancer every day

The Advocate Messenger

WEEKEND EDITION, MARCH 21-22, 2026 | VOL. 148, NO. 23

WWW.AMNEWS.COM

America 250 kicks off locally

By Josely Labarrere
Advocate Messenger

Boyle County launched its local celebration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence with a public film screening Tuesday at the Boyle County Performing Arts Center.

The event featured a showing of "The Shot Heard Round the World": The Battles of Lexington and Concord, marking the county's first official program tied to the America 250 commemoration. The free screening

HISTORY.COM

A Minuteman statue stands as a symbol of colonial militia who fought in the opening battles of the American Revolution.

was held Tuesday, March 17 at 7 p.m., drawing community members interested in both local programming and early American history.

The film highlighted the opening moments of the American Revolutionary War, beginning with the night of April 18, 1775, when British troops marched from Boston toward Concord, Massachusetts, to seize weapons and ammunition held by American colonists.

According to historical accounts, British forces encountered a group of colonial militiamen in Lexington the following morning. A single shot was fired — though it remains unclear which side initiated it — sparking a brief but deadly clash that left eight Americans dead and others injured.

The conflict continued later that day in nearby Concord, where colonial forces met British troops at the North Bridge. Gunfire was exchanged, resulting in casualties on both sides before British troops retreated to Boston, facing continued resistance along the way. The encounters marked the beginning of the Revolutionary War and set the stage for a broader conflict that would ultimately lead to American independence.

The phrase "shot heard round the world" was later popularized by writer Ralph Waldo Emerson in his 1837 poem "Concord Hymn," written to commemorate the battle at the North Bridge. Emerson's words helped

See AMERICA, 2A



ANGIE MUNCY

A loader deposits brush into an air curtain burner during debris disposal operations at a county burn site.

Danville school board approves tuition increase, project bids

Board takes action on finances, staffing and facility updates

By Josely Labarrere
Advocate Messenger

The Danville Independent Board of Education approved a preschool tuition increase, construction-related bids and multiple financial items during its regular meeting March 16.

The meeting, which began at 6:30 p.m., opened with approval of the agenda, followed by approval of the minutes from the board's Feb. 23 meeting. Both items passed unanimously.

Board members then moved into reports, including staffing and financial updates. The staffing report was approved as presented, followed by approval of the district's financial statement and payment of invoices.

A financial discussion was also included on the agenda prior to action items, though no formal action was taken during that portion of the meeting.

One of the primary items

See DANVILLE, 2A

Missing person found safe after search

Multi-agency response leads to quick resolution, officials say

By Josely Labarrere
Advocate Messenger

JUNCTION CITY — A missing individual was safely located Thursday morning following a coordinated search effort at Junction City Park, according to a release from the Boyle County Fire Department.

Emergency crews were dispatched by Danville 911 around 10 a.m. after receiving

See MISSING, 2A



The Boyle County Fire Department led the coordinated search effort for a missing person at Junction City Park.

Magistrates discuss relocating county burner

Permitting concerns, health impacts drive discussion

By Josely Labarrere
Advocate Messenger

Boyle County magistrates discussed the future of a county burn site during a recent meeting, focusing on permitting requirements, a potential relocation and ongoing concerns about smoke and public health.

During the discussion, offi-

cialists considered whether to begin the process of securing a burn permit for a new location on Economic Development Authority (EDA) property while continuing operations at the current site.

A magistrate made a motion to ensure a burn permit process was started for a new site, emphasizing the importance of having the proper authorization

in place before any relocation.

Officials noted concerns with the current location, describing it as being situated in a small community where smoke, dirt and long-standing debris have created ongoing issues.

Officials acknowledged that a permit would be required before any relocation could take

See MAGISTRATES, 2A

INDEX

Classifieds 7A Sports 10A
Crossword 5-6A Sudoku 5-6A
Deaths 3A



74° | 55°
Sunny

OBITS

HELENA MCDONALD, 93
FLOYD COLEMAN, 84
SUE ANN KOON, 62

Danville, Kentucky
\$1.50 Newsstand

