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request produced no records of citations for similar window signage violations dating back to 2017, despite what he described as comparable displays elsewhere in the historic district. He argued the appeal centered on whether the ordinance had been enforced consistently, contending that selective enforcement raised due process concerns. Shevlin also cited Kentucky case law that he said supports the principle of uniform enforcement of local ordinances.

The city’s attorney countered that previous failures to enforce an ordinance do not prevent future enforcement. He argued the zoning administrator acted within her authority, provided proper notice, and afforded Mystical Bluegrass due process through the appeals process.

The attorney also said the city had begun working with other businesses to bring them into compliance and noted the Architectural Heritage Board has only operated under Planning and Zoning since 2024, meaning earlier records may not be complete.

Several members of the public spoke in support of Mystical Bluegrass, urging the board to consider the challenges faced by locally owned businesses and arguing the window treatment did not harm the community.

Following discussion, a board member moved to deny the appeal, finding the zoning administrator had not acted arbitrarily or improperly and that the board lacked sufficient grounds to overturn the enforcement action. The motion also adopted written findings supporting the city’s authority to regulate signage within the historic district. The

motion passed unanimously. Board members advised the business that it could pursue a variance request and explore any additional legal options available.

The board then turned to several conditional use permit requests for short-term rentals.

Members unanimously approved conditional use permits for properties at 314 Harding St. and 430 Harding St. after hearing the properties would continue operating as residential dwellings and would not be used as event venues. Applicants agreed to conditions including

maintaining required tourism tax compliance and obtaining change-of-use permits.

The board tabled applications for short-term rentals at 935 Harrodsburg Road and 115 and 117 W. Broadway because the applicants were not present for the public hearing, as required by ordinance.

The board later approved a conditional use permit for a short-term rental at 510 Grant St. Jennifer Schaefer told the board the home has operated as an Airbnb since last year and primarily hosts Centre College families and visitors. The request received unani-

mous approval.

In the meeting’s final action, the board unanimously approved a variance for 3372 Perryville Road, allowing the side-yard setback to be reduced from 10 feet to 4.56 feet so the homeowner can construct an attached garage. The applicant said neighboring property owners had expressed no opposition and that the addition would be consistent with surrounding homes.

The full meeting can be viewed on the City of Danville’s YouTube page.

**HERITAGE**  
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earlier in the planning process, noting that previous hospital expansion projects had included discussions with the board during the early design stages. They said they would like to return to that level of communication as the current project moves forward.

Board staff said a demolition permit had been issued before a certificate of appropriateness had been approved, adding that projects within the

historic district require board approval before work can proceed. Staff indicated the submitted applications were incomplete because they lacked detailed plans and supporting information required for review.

If construction begins before the board completes its review, staff said they would pursue legal remedies, including seeking an injunction to halt work. Members said their goal is not to prevent redevelopment but to ensure the project complies

with the city’s historic preservation requirements and that the public has an opportunity to review the plans.

The board expects to schedule a special meeting in late September to consider the applications after receiving additional information from Ephraim McDowell Health and completing its research on the property’s historic significance. Staff said the exact meeting date will be announced once arrangements are finalized.

In other business,

the board re-elected its slate of officers for another term and adopted its annual goals for submission to the Kentucky Heritage Council. Members also received updates on ongoing signage compliance efforts for the former La Cosa Nostra building and Mystical Bluegrass, as well as on progress toward revised historic district design guidelines that will be considered by the Planning and Zoning Commission and Danville City Commission after the November election.

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The citation states Coulter acknowledged keeping some photographs he received through the app. Police also said he admitted requesting photographs from the teenager on some occasions.

Investigators allege sexual contact also occurred during two separate meetings.

Police said one encounter took place in April at Veterans Park in Mercer County.

A second alleged encounter occurred in May after the teenager met Coulter at the Lincoln County funeral home where he worked as a funeral director. According to investigators, Coulter and the teenager later traveled in his Chevrolet Equinox to the

McKinney area and parked near a dollar store, where additional sexual contact allegedly occurred.

Kentucky State Police became involved after Coulter contacted the agency Aug. 14 and provided information about his alleged conduct with the teenager, according to the citation.

Investigators interviewed the teenager Aug. 17. Police said information provided during that interview was consistent with details Coulter had previously given investigators concerning the Snapchat communications and the alleged encounters.

Coulter was arrested following the investigation and lodged in the Pulaski County Detention Center.

The charges are allegations. Coulter is presumed innocent unless proven guilty in court.

**DANVILLE**  
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Resonance, which is open to tenors and basses,

will resume rehearsals at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 7, in the chapel at First Christian Church.

Sounding Joy, for sopranos and altos, will

begin its season at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, in Grant Hall 114 at the back of the Norton Center for the Arts. The entrance is located near the Stephen

Powell glass memorial.

For additional information about the choirs, email Barbara Hall at barbara.hall@cen-tre.edu.



**TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY**

# TVA and BVI award \$700,000 for robotics education in seven states

**By Tom Latek**  
*Kentucky Today*

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. – The Tennessee Valley Authority and Bicentennial Volunteers, Inc., announced \$700,000 in award funding for robotics education at 187 schools and non-profit organizations that serve students across TVA’s seven-state region, including 11 in Kentucky.

This marks the second year that TVA and BVI have partnered for the robotics awards program.

“TVA and BVI are deeply committed to expanding access to robotics education across our seven-state region,” said Interim TVA President and CEO Mike Skaggs. “These hands-on skills open doors to a wide range of career paths, and we’re focused on preparing today’s students to become tomorrow’s skilled, confident workforce.”

The funding can be

used to create a new robotics program or enhance a program that already exists.

“Robotics gives students something lasting: the experience of problem-solving under pressure, working as a team and seeing their own ideas come to life,” said Adam Wolcott, BVI director of operations. “BVI is honored to stand alongside TVA in this effort, helping bring robotics programs to schools across the Tennessee Valley.”

In Kentucky, the 11 awards, which range from \$2,500 to 5,000, will be going to:

- Bowling Green Independent Schools,
- Briarwood Elementary in Warren County,
- Calloway County High School’s Robotics Team,
- Calhoun County Middle School,
- Fulton County Elementary,
- Gateway Academy to Innovation and Technology in Christian County,
- Greenwood High School in

Warren County, Murray Independent Schools, Russellville High School in Logan County, The Impact Center for Leadership and Innovation in Warren County and William H. Natcher Elementary in Warren County.

Any school or non-profit that receives electricity from a local power company served by TVA was eligible to apply. The robotics program is similar to TVA and BVI’s long-standing STEM awards. Applications for this year’s STEM awards are being accepted now through September 15, at [tva.com/STEM](http://tva.com/STEM).

The Tennessee Valley Authority is the nation’s largest public power supplier, delivering energy to 10 million people in seven states. This includes 39 counties in Kentucky, as well as all or parts of Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, and Virginia.



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