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Givens Bill Clears Committee 10-0

MEASURE MODERNIZES KENTUCKY LEGAL NOTICE RULES



▲ PHOTO | DUSTIN ISAACS
Senate President Pro Tempore David Givens explains Senate Bill 141 to members of the Senate State and Local Government Committee during a Feb. 11 meeting.

BY SETH DUKES
GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

FRANKFORT — Legislation aimed at modernizing how legal notices are published in Kentucky is advancing with strong early support after clearing a Senate committee unanimously.

Senate Bill 141 passed 10-0 out of the Senate State and Local Government Committee on Feb. 11 and is expected to continue moving smoothly through the General Assembly. The measure seeks to update and standardize requirements governing how state and local governments publish legal notices, including tax notices and public hearing announcements.

The proposal is the result of collaboration among the Kentucky Press Association, the Kentucky League of Cities and the Kentucky Association of Counties.

Jay Nolan, government affairs co-chair of the press association, told lawmakers the process involved compromise among stakeholders.

“There’s nothing in this bill that I love 100%, and I don’t think that’s true for any of us,” Nolan said. “But all of us feel like it modernizes the Kentucky public notice infrastructure.”

Jeff Jobe, the behind-the-scenes

RULES
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Property Concerns Spark Road Debate

BY LYNN BLEDSOE
JOBE PUBLISHING

Butler County Fiscal Court held its regular meeting on February 9, 2026.

First up was the discussion on electrical inspection. The Fiscal Court appointed Jason Sharp as the electrical inspector passed.

The County Clerk’s 2026 budget

amendment, given by Sherri Johnson, was approved by the Fiscal Court. Johnson stated that from October to December 2025, her office had taken in \$1,003,261. Since 2026 for January they have taken in \$125,936.46, and in five days, her office has taken in \$450,140.98 for February.

DEBATE
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The road in question as to private or county road.

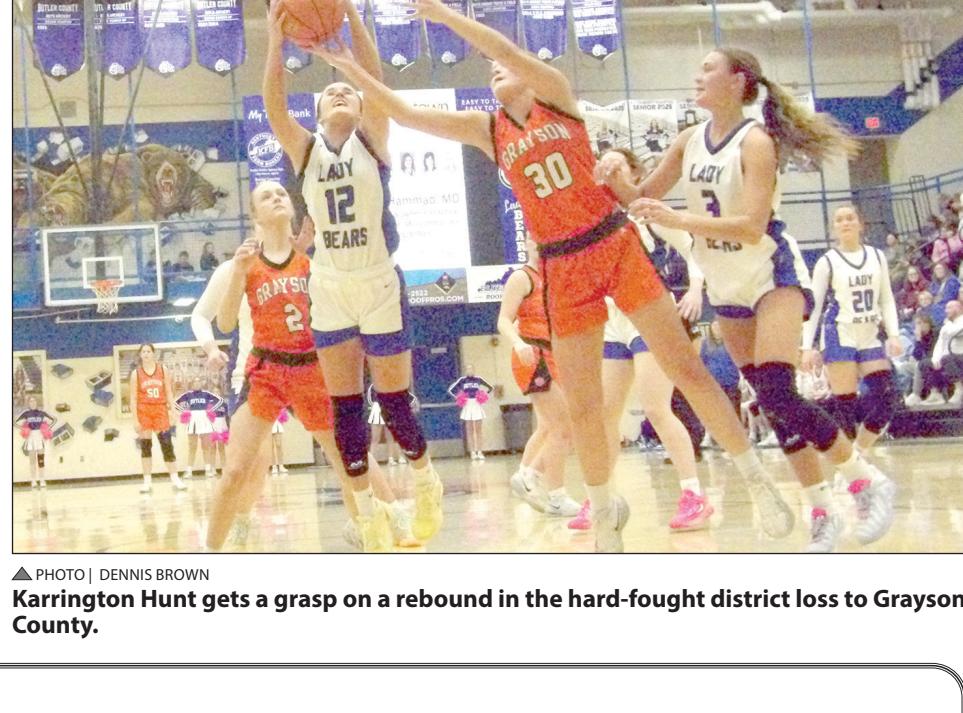
Lady Bears Set to Face Grayson in District

BY GREG MOORE
BANNER SPORTS EDITOR

After picking up two wins last week, the BCHS Lady Bears improved to 10-13 overall for the season and 6-6 in region play. After letting one get away in Beaver Dam, a 47-49 setback to Ohio County, on Monday night, Coach Belcher’s girls responded with a convincing win over the visiting Lady Hornets of Hancock County the following night, 60-43.

Then, in a preview of the 12th District Tournament’s round-

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▲ PHOTO | DENNIS BROWN
Karrington Hunt gets a grasp on a rebound in the hard-fought district loss to Grayson County.

A Night of Praise in Morgantown

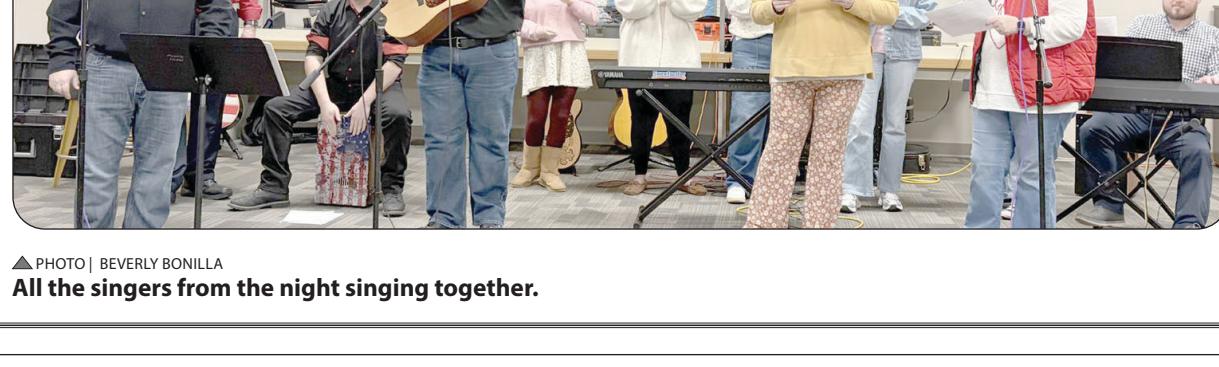
BY BEVERLY BONILLA
BANNER REPORTER

The Butler County Arts Guild hosted a lively Gospel Jubilee on Friday, February 13, at the Morgantown Extension Office on Parkway Lane. The free community event featured a variety of talented gospel

performers from Butler County and surrounding areas, drawing a full house of enthusiastic attendees.

Jeff Jewell opened the evening with prayer before beginning his musical portion of the program.

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All the singers from the night singing together.



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