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## Police Officer of the Year



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VFW 5th District Commander Laura Willaford, at the Scottsville Kentucky VFW Post presents Eric Smith with Police officer of the Year. The VFW 5th District encompasses Edmonson and her surrounding counties.

## Givens Bill Clears Committee 10-0

### MEASURE MODERNIZES KENTUCKY LEGAL NOTICE RULES



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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.

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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

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## Fiscal Court Recognizes EC Family Resource and Youth Service Centers



▲ PHOTO | LYNN BLEDSOE  
The Edmonson County Fiscal Court with members of Edmonson County Family Resource and Youth Service Center.

BY LYNN BLEDSOE  
GIMLET MANAGING EDITOR  
Edmonson County Fiscal Court held its regular meeting on February 9, 2026. Judge Executive

Scott Lindsey read the proclamation acknowledging February 9-13 as Family Resource and Youth Service Center week. The Centers are located

throughout the school system and work to support students and their families with anything they may need. Recently, during the government shutdown, they held a

food drive and helped to distribute food to families who were affected.

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## Law Enforcement Officers Gather for Appreciation Lunch

### SPONSORED BY ST. JOHN'S THRIFT STORE

BY LYNN BLEDSOE  
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Law enforcement officers came together on February 11 for a special appreciation lunch sponsored by St. John's Thrift Store. Officers from Brownsville City Police, Edmonson County Sheriff's Office, Kentucky State Police, and members of the courthouse attended the meal, taking a rare moment to catch up and enjoy an hour of camaraderie.

Event organizer Barbara Fitzhugh of St. John's said she enjoys hosting the lunch each year as a way to show gratitude for the work law enforcement does daily. "These guys and gals work hard every day, and I just want to tell them thank you. We see everything you do for us," Fitzhugh said.

Local officers and deputies contribute far



▲ PHOTO | LYNN BLEDSOE  
Sheriff's office deputies.



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Members of Edmonson County sheriff's office, jailer, bailiffs and school resource officers at local law enforcement appreciation lunch.

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