

Tax Rate From Front

4% revenue increase, the maximum allowed under state law without triggering a mandatory public hearing, would have set the rate at approximately 7.3 cents and generated an estimated \$883,099 in revenue. Alternatively, the compensating rate, designed to generate roughly the same revenue as the prior year after accounting for changes in overall property assessments, was calculated at 7.1 cents and projected to bring in \$883,905, essentially bringing in the same amount as the prior year in total dollars while

sitting on a lower nominal rate. Elleman recommended the court adopt the lower, compensating rate, citing the county's strong financial position and the cost pressures residents are facing from rising grocery and gas prices, which he linked in part to broader geopolitical instability, including the conflict involving Iran. "I think it's time for us to show that to people," Elleman said, referring to the county's fiscal health. Magistrate Wayne Day noted the court has already been lowering the rate in recent years. Elleman elaborated that many residents don't realize that if property assessments rise county-wide, a flat tax rate can still

produce a real increase in the amount owed by individual property owners, and said the fiscal court has an opportunity with this year's numbers to lower the rate outright rather than simply hold it flat. He also reiterated that any rate increase exceeding the 4% revenue growth threshold under state law would require the county to hold a mandatory two-week notice period and formal public hearing before adoption, a requirement he said applies to special taxing districts as well as the general county rate. The court approved the motion to set the 2026 rate at 7.1 cents, the compensating rate.

undertaken as an advisory board member, chair and volunteer. As director, she will take on a more direct leadership role in Lancaster Parks and Recreation as the department continues serving children, families and other residents through sports and recreational opportunities. Gaffney also encouraged community members to welcome Adams and her family as she begins her new position with the City of Lancaster.

Parks & Rec From Front

School and volunteers with several organizations in Lancaster and Garrard County. A graduate of Garrard County High School, she has longstanding ties to the community. She is also the parent of two current Garrard County students who are active in academics and athletics.

Gaffney said Adams' experience and commitment to youth recreation will be an asset as the

city looks toward the future of its parks and sports programs. "Kendra's passion for expanding youth sports and recreation opportunities will be a tremendous asset to our community," Gaffney said in announcing the appointment. "I am excited to welcome her to this role and look forward to the continued growth and future of Lancaster Parks and Recreation."

The appointment places Adams in a position to build upon work she has already

Heifers From Front

care and management. The heifers will remain an educational resource throughout the school year as students take part in caring for and working with the animals. The experience is expected to complement classroom instruction by giving students direct exposure to responsibilities associated with animal agriculture.

For students in the Garrard County High School agriculture program, working with livestock can provide lessons

in areas such as animal health, nutrition, handling, husbandry and farm management while also developing responsibility and other skills applicable to careers in agriculture.

The contribution also carries a local connection. Shell is a Garrard County High School alumnus who went on to become Kentucky's commissioner of agriculture. His return to the school underscores the continuing relationship between Kentucky's agricultural industry and career and technical education programs preparing younger generations for work in the field.

Garrard County Schools expressed appreciation to Shell for helping create the opportunity and for supporting the future of agricultural education at the high school.

The addition of the eight heifers expands the school farm's capacity as a learning environment and gives students another opportunity to move agricultural lessons beyond the classroom.

Throughout the coming school year, students will be able to apply what they learn while assuming the day-to-day responsibilities involved in working with livestock.

Agriculture Commissioner Shell's Farm to Fork Dinner returns Aug. 19

Renee Shaw to headline event benefiting Kentucky foster families

Agriculture Commissioner Jonathan Shell will host the third annual Commissioner's Farm to Fork Benefit Dinner on Wednesday, Aug. 19, at the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville. The event raises funds to provide Kentucky State Fair and agricultural tourism experiences for foster children and families through Kentucky Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) and the Kentucky Exposition Foundation.

Proceeds from the dinner help provide foster children and families with memorable experiences that many might not otherwise have, including a day at the Kentucky State Fair complete with food and rides, West Kentucky 4-H Camp, fall festivals, and other agricultural tourism opportunities. Since launching in 2024, the program has served nearly 1,000 foster children and families across the Commonwealth.

"There's no better way to kick off the Kentucky State Fair than by bringing people together around a table filled with Kentucky Proud products while supporting children and families across the Commonwealth," Commissioner Shell said. "Kentucky CASA gives vulnerable children a voice when they need it most. We're proud to help advance that mission and create opportunities for the families they serve."

The Farm to Fork Benefit Dinner will be 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19, the evening before opening day of the Kentucky State Fair. This year's featured speaker is Renee Shaw, one of the Commonwealth's most respected journalists who recently retired after nearly three decades at Ken-

tucky Educational Television.

"One of the things that makes Kentucky special is the way our communities rally around children and families in need," Shaw said. "I'm honored to be part of an evening that celebrates Kentucky agriculture while helping create meaningful opportunities and lasting memories for foster children across the Commonwealth"

Each year, trained CASA volunteers serve as advocates for abused and neglected children involved in Kentucky's court system, ensuring their voices are heard and their best interests remain the priority throughout legal proceedings.

"The Kentucky CASA Network is excited to once again partner with Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner Jonathan Shell for the third annual Farm to Fork Dinner to kick off the Kentucky State Fair," said Andrea Bruns, State Director/CEO of The Kentucky CASA Network. "This dinner is an opportunity to share CASA's mission with the agriculture community and raise funds for foster youth. Funds raised go toward the CASA mission as well as funds directly to support foster youth engagement in agriculture tourism and enrichment opportunities statewide."

The event is part of the Kentucky Proud® Farm to Fork Program, administered by the Kentucky Department of Agriculture to celebrate Kentucky-grown food while supporting charitable organizations across the Commonwealth.

Individual tickets are \$100 and tables of eight are available for \$800.

Harmon's Lick News

Psalm 4:8 I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety.

Hello dear friends and family. I hope that all of you are doing really well today as we get together for a few minutes, here in the Central Record.

I thank God that I am able to visit with all of you. Last week I wanted to write but I was not home in time to do so. I can't remember where I was, but I do remember thinking I hoped to get home in time to write.

There will be no Church at Harmon's Lick Free Pentecostal Church this Wednesday and Sunday. Our services are cancelled so that we may attend revival services at Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Rhonda Bush's church in Berea. They are located on

Wallaceton Road. They make everyone welcome. We are looking forward to being in church with a lot of people we know.

I am really having a hard time trying to get my column written today. Our darling Kylee had to go back to school today and we have missed her so much. I hope all the kids will have a great school year coming up.

May God Bless all of you.

Love,
Joyce

Tornadoes From Front

County. Officials said that, at the time of their update, there was no confirmation of a tornado touchdown.

The agency urged residents to remain weather aware as conditions continued to be monitored and emphasized that any weather warnings should be taken seriously. Emergency management officials said they would continue monitoring conditions and provide additional information if circumstances changed.

Officials also asked residents to avoid sharing uncon-

firmed reports, particularly during periods of severe weather when inaccurate information can spread quickly. Residents were encouraged to rely on official sources for warnings and updates.

The clarification does not mean residents should disregard threatening weather conditions. A tornado can occur with little notice, and people should immediately follow instructions contained in official warnings. The National Weather Service advises people under a tornado warning to move to a basement or an interior room on the lowest floor of a sturdy building and remain away from windows.

Garrard County has experienced tornadoes in the past. National Weather Service records document a history of tornadoes affecting the county, including an EF-1 tornado that crossed portions of Lincoln and Garrard counties in April 2025.

As of the latest information provided by Garrard County Emergency Management, however, reports of a tornado touchdown associated with Tuesday evening's weather situation remained unconfirmed, and officials specifically stated that no tornado touchdowns had occurred in Garrard County.

Banner Displays From Front

military service.

According to Gaffney, the submitted photographs and information will be displayed alongside Lancaster's other community banners in the period leading up to Veterans Day. The mayor indicated that the recognition will continue beyond the Nov. 11 observance, giving residents and visitors an opportunity to see and learn about local veterans and their service.

The project adds a personal element to Lancaster's Veterans Day recognition by placing the faces and stories of individual service members in a prominent location at the center of the community. It also provides an opportunity to recognize veterans from different generations and periods of military service.

"If you have a Veteran, or are a Veteran, we want you included," Gaffney said.

Residents interested in participating are being asked to send a veteran's photograph directly to Gaffney along with

a brief account of the person's service. The mayor did not specify a submission deadline in his announcement.

The initiative comes as Lancaster transitions its downtown decorations toward the fall season and seeks to use the public square to highlight people and institutions that are part of the community's identity.

Gaffney thanked Lancaster residents for their participation and encouraged the community to help ensure local veterans are represented in the new display.

Governor James Garrard Chapter, NSDAR Members Enjoy Tour of Kentucky Aviation Museum

Members and guests of the Governor James Garrard Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR), recently enjoyed an educational and memorable outing to the Aviation Museum of Kentucky, located at Blue Grass Airport in Lexington. The museum is dedicated to preserving Kentucky's rich aviation history while promoting aerospace education through its impressive collection of historic aircraft, aviation artifacts, and exhibits honoring the Commonwealth's aviation pioneers.

A total of 19 members and guests participated in the day of learning and fellowship. During the visit, the group was treated to an outstanding guided tour by Max and Frank, whose knowledge, enthusiasm, and engaging stories brought Kentucky's aviation history to life. Their informative presentation made the experience especially enjoyable



Governor James Garrard members and guests

and meaningful for everyone.

The chapter extends a special thank you to member, Shelia Miller, for organizing the event and ensuring a wonderful experience for the group. Her hospitality and careful planning were greatly appreciated.

Following the museum tour, members and guests enjoyed a delicious lunch at the Track Kitchen at Keeneland, where they continued their fellowship while reflecting on the high-

lights of the day.

The Governor James Garrard Chapter continues to support the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution's mission of Historic Preservation, Education, and Patriotism by participating in educational opportunities that celebrate Kentucky's heritage, strengthen friendships, and inspire lifelong learning.

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