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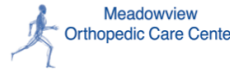
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RCS superintendent addresses violent online comments

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Robertson County School District Superintendent Dr. Sean Bailey recently released a statement addressing violent comments made by a student and another individual.

On Aug. 28, Bailey stated that the district had been made aware of a “private online conversation” between one of its middle school students and an individual in Florida that involved “inappropriate comments about violence toward

the school.”

He added that conversations with the school’s resource officer and the Kentucky State Police have revealed that the conversation was not had via social media and that the individual “did not make a direct threat

toward Robertson County School.” Further, there is currently no information to indicate that there is a threat or danger to students or staff.

“Law enforcement is actively addressing the situation with the individuals involved, and school

officials are also addressing the matter appropriately,” Bailey stated.

“We understand situations like this can quickly lead to rumors or incomplete information,” he continued. “We want our families to receive accurate information directly

from us and ask that you rely on official communication from Robertson County School and law enforcement.”

Bailey concluded that further communication will be released pending the development of additional information.

Cummins Nature Preserve to open four new bike paths

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On Labor Day, Sept. 7, the Cummins Nature Preserve will celebrate the grand opening of its new mountain bike paths, four trails that will remain open to riders of all ages and abilities.

In an interview with The Ledger Independent, Park Coordinator Grant Felice stated that the trails’ installation was inspired by his own experiences with mountain biking, as well as requests from other bikers and families to include the activity on the preservation. Work began in November 2025 and continued into the spring, with employees using trail hoes, rakes and chainsaws to carve out the trails and cut back any invasive growths, which may include bush honeysuckle, chaff flower, pokeweed and Johnson grass. Care has been

taken to avoid any native plants, trees and shrubbery.

Felice noted that clearing invasive plants will improve visibility of the biking paths from the hiking trails, which are mostly nearby. The paths will be two-way except on Opening Day, with the possibility of becoming one-way at a later date. Maps will be available at the preserve’s front office.

According to Felice, the trails available on Opening Day will include the Armadillo Bike Path, which is moderately difficult at 0.4 miles with a few steep inclines and curves; the Bobcat Bike Path, a 0.2-mile beginner’s course; the Chipmunk Trail, a 0.25-mile steep, advanced course with bridges; and the Dragonfly Bike Path, another advanced 0.5-mile trail with a bridge. These trails are only open to human-pedaled



Peyton Dunaway/The Ledger Independent
The entrance to the Armadillo Bike Path.

bikes, with no e-bikes or motorbikes allowed. All riders must have helmets, and brake checks and knee and elbow pads are recommended.

Felice noted that the trails are adaptable, and that the preserve is open to suggestions from bikers.

“So, that’s kind of our dual purpose here,” he

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Guillermin sentenced in fatal hit-and-run case

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GEORGETOWN, Ohio — This week, Michael L. Guillermin was sentenced in a case involving a fatal hit-and-run that occurred in Russellville, Ohio in October 2025.

On Friday, Oct. 24, 2025, the Georgetown, Ohio Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol announced that it was investigating a fatal hit-and-run crash involving a pedestrian in Russellville, Ohio.

Guillermin was indicted on Monday, Dec. 8, 2025, and charged with vehicular homicide (M1), vehicular man-

slaughter (M2) and two counts of failure to stop after an accident (F2).

In his indictment, a grand jury alleged that Guillermin negligently caused the death of Caleb Thomas Holbert while operating his vehicle. The grand jury further alleged that Guillermin was involved in an accident and failed to stop his vehicle while having knowledge of the accident.

According to reports, Guillermin was sentenced on Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2026, to a minimum of four years in prison.

Brown County court documents show that in July 2026, Guillermin



Photo courtesy of the Brown County Jail

Michael L. Guillermin.

entered a guilty plea to the charges of vehicular homicide (M1) and failure to stop after an accident (F2).

The guilty plea docu-

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MCSB votes to maintain tax rates

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On Thursday, Aug. 27, the Mason County School Board (MCSB) voted to maintain the tax levy for the 2026-2027 school year during a special meeting at the district’s central office.

At the Monday, Aug. 10 MCSB meeting, Treasurer Lisa Moreland approached the board with options for tax rates, stating that there were four available: four percent, compensating, subsection and maintaining the same rates.

Moreland explained that the four percent rate would be 56.4 cents and would produce \$9,345,948 in revenue, the compensating rate would decrease it to between 54.3 cents (real

estate) and 54.7 cents (personal) and would produce \$9,010,912, the subsection rate would bring it to 56.9 cents and produce \$9,428,802, and maintaining the rate would bring it between 55.2 cents (real estate) and 55.5 cents (personal) and produce \$9,156,811.12.

She added that if rates stay the same, the real estate property tax rate will remain 55.2 cents with an expected revenue of \$7,359,837.14, with the personal property tax rate remaining at 55.5 cents with an expected revenue of \$1,796,973.99.

At Thursday’s meeting, the board made the following recommendation: “The Board approves keeping the following tax levy per \$100



of assessed value for the 2026-2027 school year with Real Estate at a rate of 55.2 (cents) and Personal Property at a rate of 55.5 (cents). The Board also approves to keep the Motor Vehicle Tax rate as \$0.555 (cents) and the Utility Tax rate as 3 percent.”

Board member Lamont Johnson made a motion to keep the tax rates, and board member Vickie Lowe seconded the motion. All board members voted yes and the motion passed.

Ohio River Valley Pride Festival moves to downtown Maysville

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The Maysville Commission on Human Rights has announced that the upcoming Ohio River Valley Pride festival has changed its Saturday location.

During a special meeting of the commission held on Thursday, Aug. 20, Commissioner David Green announced that Friday, Sept. 11’s festivities — which will include a welcoming ceremony,

9/11 tribute, dueling DJs and live drag queen performances — have been moved from the Wild Bull Saloon to the Pavilion in downtown Maysville, located at 5 East McDonald Parkway.

He further explained that the saloon did not have the paperwork necessary to host the event, and that the Pavilion was nominated by the City of Maysville as a replacement partially because it has more electricity hookups.

Additionally, Green reported that Maysville Police Chief Patrick Boggs has stated that a section of road will be closed from Market Street to Sutton Street, and that security will be increased in that area.

Friday’s event will be free and will take place from 6-10 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 12’s festivities will continue to be held at Augusta River Park in Augusta, Ky. from noon to 5 p.m.



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