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HALLOWEEN EVENTS

The Lions Club Trunk or Treat event has been postponed due to weather and will take place beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, at Judy Drive-In. The movie begins at dusk. $10 per carload. This is a fundraiser for the Fraternal Order of Police. The annual Jeffersonville Trunk N Treat event will be held 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27, at Jeffersonville Community Park. The Mt. Sterling-Montgomery County Parks Recreation Dept. Boo Fest will be 6-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30, at Easy Walker Park. Regular trick or treating hours in the city and county are 6-8 p.m. Saturday. Oct. 31.

GRAC EVENTS

The following are some of the upcoming events at the Gateway Regional Arts Center. Oct. 23-25 is "Frankenstein" performances at 7 p.m. and 2 p.m. $16 and up. Oct. 29 features "A is for Affrilachia: A Family Book Night Event" with Frank X Walker from 6-8 p.m. The event sponsored by the Association for Teaching Black History in Kentucky. Oct. 31 is "Boos, Booze, and Dancing Shoes." This is an adult Halloween party for 21 plus individuals from 8-11 p.m. The cost is $15. You can purchase tickets to any of the events above at grackentucky.org/events!

GOSPEL CONCERT

There will be a gospel concert featuring Jeff Tolbert and Primitive Road 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, at Korea Church of God in Wellington (located on Route 1693). Everyone welcome.

GADD MEETINGS

The Gateway Area Development District will hold a board of directors executive committee meeting 9 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27, at the GADD Office located at 110 Lake Park Drive in Morehead. There will also be a board of directors meeting at 10:30 a.m. There will be a regional transportation meeting at 12:30 p.m. Meetings are at the same location.

CARPAL TUNNEL OPEN HOUSE

There will be an educational open house regarding ultrasound-guided carpal tunnel release from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Oct. 28. It will be held at CommonSpirit Medical Group-Orthopedics & Podiatry, 624 N. Maysville Road, Suite A. The public is invited to join for an open house and free learning event about minimally invasive treatment for carpal tunnel syndrome. Ultrasound-guided carpal tunnel release is a relatively new, minimally invasive procedure which relieves pressure from the median nerve to treat the symptoms of carpal tunnel syndrome. Dual board-certified orthopedic sports medicine and family medicine physician Dr. Frank Taddeo will showcase the procedure and how it can make a remarkable difference for patients through minimally invasive techniques, faster recovery times and improved carpal tunnel symptoms. The event will include a free carpal tunnel screening, light refreshments and live question and answer session.

COFFEE WITH A COP

There will be a Coffee with a Cop event 8-9:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 30, at The Corner Store on Levee Road. Meet with officers and get answers to your questions and concerns.

HIRING EVENT

The Dept. of Corrections will host an in-person hiring event 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4, at the Montgomery County Health and Civic Center. They will be taking applications/conducting interviews for correctional officer positions at the new medical prison in Lexington. For more information visit DOC.Recruit@ky.gov.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Boy Scout meetings for Troop 53 are held every Tuesday night at 6 p.m. at First Christian Church, 222 W. Main St., for ages 11 through 17.

MSWS MEETINGS

Mt. Sterling Water and Sewer announces the commission board has approved the change of monthly meetings to the third Monday of every month at 5:30 p.m. This meeting is open to the public. They are held at the MSWS office, 300 E. Main St.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Montgomery County Board of Elections meetings are held the last Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in the county clerk's office at the Courthouse. The public is welcome to attend.

AA MEETINGS

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are held 7 p.m. every Wednesday night in the Ascension Episcopal Church Annex at 48 W. High St. There are also meetings Sundays at 7 p.m. at Gateway Christian Church., 801 Winchester Road.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program, meets every Monday night at 7 p.m. at Gateway Christian Church, 801 Winchester Road. For more information, call 859-498-3876.

Submit items to news@msadvocate.com.

Zaharie attorney withdraws

By Tom Marshall
Senior Advocate writer

The attorney for the operator of a former cat rescue organization who sued Love of Paws and two individuals associated with the group has withdrawn from the case.

Jim Cox, a Mt. Vernon attorney, standing in for Heidi Weatherly, attorney for Renee Zaharie and Caring About Treasured Strays (C.A.T.S.), announced Weatherly would be withdrawing from the case during a court appearance Oct. 15.

Circuit Judge David Barber accepted the withdrawal.

Zaharie and C.A.T.S. filed a lawsuit in 2018 against Love of Paws and Pat Henry and Sharon Hegyi, claiming they had defamed Zaharie and her organization.

Love of Paws operates a local animal rescue.

The complaint alleged Henry, Hegyi and Love of Paws made defamatory statements about Zaharie and her nonprofit organization that were false.

The statements were allegedly published to third parties and caused harm to Zaharie's reputation, Zaharie claims.

Zaharie's complaint alleged that the statements exposed her to "hatred, ridicule, contempt or disgrace, or to induce an evil opinion of (her) in the minds of right-thinking people and to deprive him/her of their friendship, intercourse and society."

She alleged that she has suffered injuries that have been the result of fraudulent, defamatory, injurious or malicious acts and is seeking punitive damages to punish the defendants and deter misconduct in the future, the suit claims.

The complaint alleged that Zaharie was harmed as a result of these reported acts and "no privilege or legal justification would excuse defendant's acts."

James E. Davis, a Mt. Sterling attorney who is representing the defendants, previously called the suit frivolous.

A lawsuit reflects only one side in a dispute.

Renee Zaharie and her husband, Brian, were sentenced in March to six-month jail sentences in a criminal case in which they were charged with second-degree animal cruelty.

The Zaharies had unsuccessfully appealed the cases against them.

Authorities raided the Zaharie property in April 2021. More than 200 animals were removed from the rescue on Hwy. 213 in Jeffersonville, many of them allegedly living in deplorable conditions.

Renee Zaharie previously claimed she had been unable to get the help she needed to maintain the property.

Cox represented the Zaharies in the criminal case.

Resident shares with Fiscal Court: Community members concerned about Rumpke violations

By Tom Marshall
Senior Advocate writer

Local resident Akeem Scott questioned the Fiscal Court Tuesday as to why it has not taken action against the Rumpke landfill operation after several violations of water standards.

Scott claims one particular pond has been cited for multiple violations over several years.

Scott said he recently submitted water from Brushy Lick Fork Creek to Pace Analytical, which he claims revealed the presence of lead, arsenic and copper.

Scott, who operates local food trucks, said if he repeatedly served under cooked food his trucks would be shut down.

He asked why Rumpke is not held to the same standard.

He said the public is concerned about the repeated reported violations and asked about the process for dealing with them.

Scott claims many residents want further investigation of the violations involving the landfill.

Scott urged further water testing throughout the area around the dump.

Judge-Executive Chris Haddix said he has trust that state regulators are on top of the situation and are making sure Rumpke corrects any violations.

He noted the Solid Waste Coordinator is notified of all violations and the steps being taken to address them.

Another local resident, Bruce Witt, questioned what the county is doing about previous reports of alleged radioactive material in one of the creeks near the landfill.

Questions have been raised about the methods in which those tests were conducted and the educational background of the individual who did the testing.

Haddix said water samples from the area have been submitted to Mt. Sterling Water and Sewer for further tests.

Witt insisted the tests should be priority.

Witt also questioned the use of New Albany Shale rock as part of its daily cover at the landfill.

A local engineer, Brian Groff, previously told the court there may be elevated radioactive levels in the soil at the landfill because of the presence of the rock.

Witt said Rumpke employees are breaking up the rock for use of cover, which he claims is a potential danger to the public.

Haddix told Witt the rock is combined with dirt for use as cover and becomes part of the leachate in the retention ponds that is shipped over for disposal in West Virginia.

Rumpke is currently seeking a landfill expansion from the county.

Rumpke is seeking an expansion that would involve 48.2 additional acres.

The landfill currently has a lifespan of about 7.5 years, according to Rumpke.

The Fiscal Court will have the ultimate say in whether the expansion is granted. It has given no time frame for when the decision might be reached.

Haddix said previously there will be a public comment period and public hearing if requested before any decision is reached.

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• MedSave (261 W. Tom T. Hall Blvd., Olive Hill) - Oct. 22, 23, 29, 30 from 10 AM-4 PM
• Sopers (227 W. Main St., Carlisle) - Oct. 27
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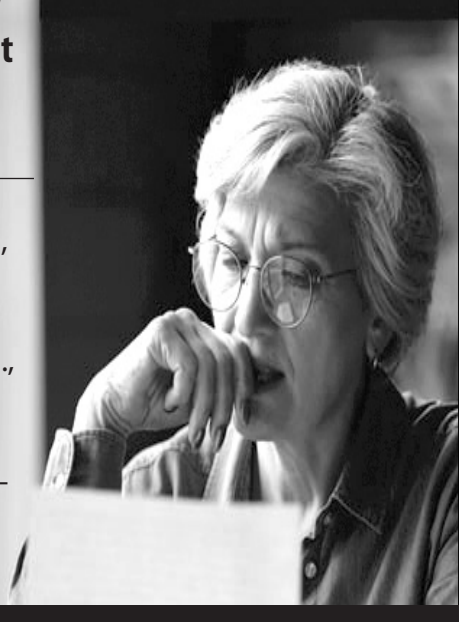
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Sunny 8%	Sunny 7%	Sunny 7%	Mostly Sunny 6%	Partly Cloudy 6%	Partly Cloudy 6%	Partly Cloudy 18%