

Man Arrested After Firearms, Drugs Seized in Cromwell Search

CROMWELL — A Cromwell man was arrested February 11 after the Ohio County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant at a residence in the 7000 block of Rob Roy Road.

According to authorities, deputies located multiple stolen firearms during the search, along with suspected marijuana, methamphetamine, psilocybin and drug paraphernalia.

James Daugherty was taken into custody at the scene and charged with Receiving Stolen Property (Firearm); Possession of a Controlled Substance, First Degree, First Offense (Methamphetamine) – Enhanced; Drug Paraphernalia – Buy/



Possess; and Violation of a Kentucky EPO/DVO.

Daugherty was lodged in the Ohio County Detention Center without incident.

The investigation remains ongoing, and additional charges involving other suspects are pending. The Ohio County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Kentucky State Police.

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out of the county's storage fee account that's earmarked for recording purposes, leaving \$30,000 to be paid.

"In the last 19 years, we have absolutely gone from zero to everything right on schedule," she said. "I would just like the court to help us with this upgrade."

Ralph said they've upgraded their system every five years, and this upgrade would be expected to last just as long.

"I'm just really proud of what the recording

department has done in these 19 years," Ralph said. "I appreciate (the court's) help all this time to get it where it's at.

The court voted to table the proposal until the next meeting in order to investigate where the \$30,000 could come from in the budget.

Ohio County Fiscal Court will meet again at 5 p.m. Feb. 24 in the auditorium of the Ohio County Community Center, located at 130 E. Washington St. in Hartford.

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He emphasized that American Heart Month serves as a reminder that it is never too early to take action to improve heart health.

The document outlines major risk factors for heart disease, including high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, obesity, physical inactivity, tobacco use and family history. It also encourages practical steps such as eating a balanced diet, maintaining a healthy weight, limiting sodium intake, exercising regularly, avoiding tobacco and moderating alcohol consumption.

The proclamation further recognizes the work of health professionals, researchers and heart health ambassadors whose efforts help Americans live longer and healthier lives.

By issuing the proclamation, Johnston invited all Ohio County residents to take an active role in their health and wellness by raising awareness, improving personal heart health and encouraging family, friends and colleagues to do the same.

The proclamation was attested on February 10, 2026.

Applications Open for KFB's post-secondary scholarship program

The Kentucky Farm Bureau (KFB) post-secondary scholarship program is accepting applications from high school seniors across the commonwealth from now until 11:59 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28. Scholarships will be awarded in more than 50 categories, with some scholarships

also available to nontraditional students. Funds may be applied to tuition, housing, books or other educational expenses.

To be eligible, an applicant must be the child of a KFB member

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Local Author Shares Opening Chapter of Memoir

BY JEFF JOBE
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FORDSVILLE — We are pleased to begin sharing selections from From Head to Toe: Reflections on My Life, written by local author, Dr. Denzil Edge.

Dr. Edge, who grew up in northern Ohio County near Fordsville, chronicles his journey from humble rural beginnings to a life shaped by education, faith and perseverance. His memoir opens with a detailed look at farm life in the 1940s — a time when much of rural Kentucky still lived without modern conveniences and communities were tightly woven together through church, school and shared work.

What follows is Chapter One, presented as written.

Part I: Early Life Chapter One: The Beginning By Denzil Edge

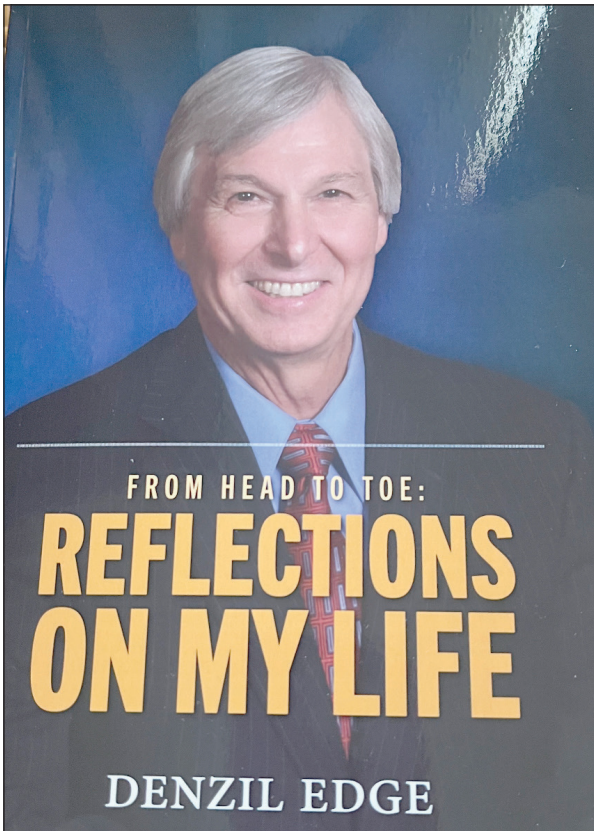
I was born at home on May 15, 1944 in a four-room house with a front and back porch. I was delivered into this world by Dr. I.L. Denton. Dr. Denton and his brother, Dr. Rex Denton, were medical doctors in my town of Fordsville, Kentucky. They delivered lots of babies in northern Ohio County.

Living in a remote rural area meant that we did not have running water or toilets in the house. Water was provided by a well located about 100 feet from the house. We drew water

from the well with an aluminum bucket. The toilet was outdoors. The house was heated by a large cook stove, a large potbelly stove and a big fireplace.

The house was located on Highway 1700 in northern Ohio County near Fordsville, Kentucky. This area was sparsely populated. Many people moved away during the 1930s, 40s and 50s. Most of the people leaving the area moved to Chicago, Illinois or Hammond, Indiana. Most of the people living in the area were of Scotch, Irish or English descent. Nearly all the population were laborers who owned and operated farms or who worked in the coal mines or oil production. In the late 30s, the little town became a boom town due to massive oil production in the area. Oil was discovered on Ruben Rickards' farm in the late 1930s. He and his brother, Lawrence, became very rich, but they never used the money to better themselves much, and they never gave any of the money to relatives or friends. They both built new homes, but most of the money went into the local banks.

I grew up on a little farm of 80 acres that did not have any oil production. Many of the farms around us had been abandoned or the owners had moved away. My father was a farmer and coal miner, and my mother was a housewife. We never had much money, but I can never remember a time when we were



hungry. We raised very large gardens, and we canned most of the food that we ate. We had a small orchard, and we raised our own animals for support. Wild game such as pheasant and quail and other wild animals provided a food source for the family. In the 1940s, we seldom went to town to buy food products. We were self-sufficient.

In the 1940s and 50s, Fordsville was a prosperous town. It had four hotels, five restaurants, a bus station, two movie houses, three barber shops, two banks, multiple food stores, a pool hall, a funeral home, multiple churches and a train station that provided both passenger and freight services to the town. The town was three and one-half miles from our house. In the 1930s, our house was on a dirt and gravel road, but when oil

was discovered, the road was rocked with limestone and graded on a regular basis.

My family moved to this location in 1940. Previously, they had lived in southern Hancock County just on the other side of the County Line Road. My great-uncle, Jack, was a medical doctor. He and his brother, Ora, graduated from the University of Louisville Medical School. Uncle Jack died at an early age, and he willed his money and property to various members of the family. My grandfather, Robert William Edge, received \$3,000. All of Grandfather Edge's children received \$1,000 each. My father took the money and purchased the house and farm where I was born. This was my anchor for the next 18 years.

(We hope to provide another chapter in an upcoming issue soon.)

Local AARP Chapter Delivers Valentine Cheer Across Ohio County

BY JEFF JOBE
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The local AARP Chapter spread warmth and kindness throughout Ohio County this Valentine's season, delivering handmade cards and heartfelt greetings to residents at several area care facilities and community centers.

Valentines were shared with residents at Beaver Dam Nursing & Rehab, Signature Healthcare of Hartford, Fordsville Nursing & Rehab, Dogwood Estates and Dogwood Retreat, the Ohio County Senior Center, Father's House Recovery Center and the

Veterans Home at Hanson.

The annual outreach effort is part of the chapter's continued mission to support and uplift seniors, veterans and individuals in recovery across the county.

Members say the simple act of delivering Valentine cards brings meaningful connection and reminds residents that they are remembered and appreciated by their community.

Chapter President Judy Law and Chapter Secretary Ruth Crews helped distribute the cards, sharing smiles and conversation



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Jacob Bryant, Jennifer Tichenor, Ruth Crews and Judy Law show the cards presented.

during each stop. Organizers noted that small gestures can have a lasting impact, especially for those living in care facilities or away from family

during the winter months. The Valentine visits have become a meaningful tradition for both AARP members and the residents they serve.

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