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Due to the Labor Day holiday, the deadline for the Sept. 9 edition of the Ohio County Times-News will be Thursday, Sept. 3, at noon.

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Fiscal Court sets tax rates, approves opioid funds

Staff Report

The Ohio County Fiscal Court approved tax rates, road department purchases and opioid settlement funding during its Aug. 25 meeting.

Following a public hearing, the court approved the county’s 2026-27 real estate

tax rate at .00075. Judge-Executive David Johnston said the rate will remain the same as the previous year. The tangible personal property rate was set at .00084, while motor vehicle and watercraft rates were each approved at 6.3.

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Ohio County AARP enjoys annual indoor picnic

▲ PHOTO | AARP

Ohio County AARP members enjoy food and fellowship during the group’s annual indoor picnic Tuesday, Aug. 25, at the Ohio County Senior Center in Hartford. The gathering included special guest speakers, bingo, door prizes and the group’s monthly service project.

Staff Report

blankets and stuffed animals for Kentucky State Police and the Ohio County Sheriff’s Office.

Ohio County AARP held its annual indoor picnic Tuesday, Aug. 25, at the Ohio County Senior Center in Hartford.

The meal was provided by AARP and prepared by the group’s own “Meat Master” chefs — Ohio County Sheriff Adam Wright, PVA Arthur Leach and Jailer Landon Spurlock — along with the Traveling Table restaurant.

Special guest speakers included Rocky Adkins, senior advisor to Gov. Andy Beshear; Sen. Steve Meredith; Rep. Scott Lewis; Judge-Executive David Johnston; Magistrate Larry Morphew; and Ohio County Economic Development Alliance Director Jason Chinn.

The group’s monthly service project was collecting warm

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▲ PHOTO | AARP Sheriff Adam Wright

New playground, splash pad coming to Beaver Dam Park

▲ PHOTO | COURTESY | BEAVER DAM, KENTUCKY

An artist’s rendering shows the proposed splash pad planned for Beaver Dam Park. The new facility will include ADA-accessible and sensory elements designed to allow children of all abilities to enjoy the park.

Staff Report

Children of all abilities will have new places to play and cool off at Beaver Dam Park following the approval of more

than \$1.75 million in grant funding for the city. Beaver Dam Mayor Paul Sandefur announced Friday that the city has received approval for two grants that will

make an inclusive playground and a separate splash pad possible. Both will feature ADA-accessible and sensory elements, giving more children

the opportunity to enjoy the park.

The announcement

BEAVER DAM PARK | CONTINUED ON PAGE TWO

\$10,000 gift to help Ohio County residents spay, neuter pets

Staff Report

A generous \$10,000 gift left to the Ohio County Animal Shelter will be used to help Ohio County residents spay and neuter their pets at a reduced cost

— and, in some cases, for free.

Ohio County Animal Shelter Director Jennifer Daugherty said the shelter was recently contacted by Justin Keown’s office

after a woman left \$10,000 to the shelter in her will.

The donor’s family has asked that her name remain private.

“We appreciate her

and her heart that she left that,” Daugherty said.

Daugherty said

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Milligan Farms recognized as Kentucky Farm Bureau Legacy Farm

▲ PHOTO | KENTUCKY FARM BUREAU

Kentucky Farm Bureau President Eddie Melton, left, presents Dane Milligan with recognition naming Milligan Farms as KFB Legacy Farm. The Ohio County farm has been in production agriculture for 100 years.

Welcome NEW DOCTORS!

Dr. Claire and Dr. Dylan Sanford are now accepting primary care patients, ages 18 and up

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