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Residents seek enforcement to shut down truck operation

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FOX CHASE – Residents in northern Bullitt County are upset. And they don't understand why action hasn't been taken to shut down what could be a truck parking area.

Residents in the Fox Chase and Pioneer Village communities have banded together to put pressure on local officials to do something to stop the operations of GNS Express.

The property just west of the Fox Chase city limits off Hebron

Lane has been zoned light industrial for years, even though it has primarily been used for agricultural purposes.

With an entrance at the sharp curve on Hebron Lane, residents are concerned about the road's safety when large semi-tractor trailer trucks are entering and leaving the business.

Rick Karschner, who lives across the street from the property, came to fiscal court to see what could be done.

"What's it going to take?" he asked about enforcement against the property owner. "It's the worst

fight I've been in since Vietnam."

County judge/executive Jerry Summers said there is a process that must be followed to shut the operation down. He referenced the dumping area on Brooks Hill Road that took time before that operation was shut down.

County attorney Tammy Baker said that planning administrator Charlie Spalding had sent an email and letter stating that due to Hebron Lane not meeting the 30-foot width requirement for the development, the site plan would not be approved. A truck terminal or parking lot could not be approved currently.

A second notification was given last week to notify the owner that the land disturbance permit had been apparently violated. Baker said the permit allows for site work but the limit was 50 cubic yards to be removed daily and the operation would be limited to 7 a.m. through 6 p.m.

Karschner said that those conditions were not being observed.

Residents are concerned about being run off the road, with a pavement width of 19 feet, and with the weight limits on the bridge near UofL Health South Hospital being ignored.

The resident said he had called all the law enforcement authorities about the concerns and he went to the Hillview City Council. The property was annexed into the city limits years ago.

Requests for authorities to weigh the trucks has also gone without any action, said Karschner.

Sheriff Walt Sholar said that his deputies can certainly ticket dump truck drivers who are operating recklessly. However, he doesn't have the equipment or certified personnel to enforce overweight

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Local author shares stories with students

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HILLVIEW — A local author's adventures brought him back to his old school system, where he was pleased to share storyline ideas and strategies with students.

Jerry W. Webb Jr. is a children's book author with three published stories. His latest feature, "The Lost Channel," is a story set in World War II-Era London featuring a young girl who finds an old television in her house that leads to unique adventures.

A North Bullitt graduate, Webb also attended Maryville Elementary and was in the first graduating class at Zoneton Middle School. His sister attended Overdale Elementary, where his nephew currently attends classes.

The connection brought Webb full circle back into the Bullitt classrooms, recently sharing the story-telling process with Overdale students.

Webb continued a life-long love for writing into what would become his first book, "The Forgotten Song," a story with emphasis on family, courage, and the power of forgiveness.

The first book tells a story of siblings staying with a grandmother and discovering her old journal, focusing on topics such as courage, family, and forgiveness. It was dedicated to Webb's grandmother and released on the anniversary of her



Stephen Thomas

Jerry Webb discussing his book, as well as storytelling strategies, with students at Overdale Elementary.

birthday.

"I have a lot of fond memories of staying with her growing up," he said.

A second book, "Believer, The Little Boat of New Hope," features themes of hope, diversity, redemption through the story of four children from various backgrounds.

"It was written to tackle diversity issues," said Webb. "It's set during the 'American

Melting Pot' era. The children learn that their differences make them stronger. We wanted to make sure we honored the cultures we were representing as well."

In "The Lost Channel" Webb touches upon war times, noting he had many family members who served in the military, including a great-grandfather who served as a nurse during the Korean

War.

"The story takes place during World War II, featuring Elizabeth Saxon, whose father is at war," Webb said. "She lives with her aunt and finds an old TV."

From there, Elizabeth is transported into the TV, where she has many adventures while learning

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Planners don't like business plan on Markwell Lane

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MOUNT WASHINGTON – Markwell Lane has been a residential area for decades.

Residents who live in the area enjoy the peace and quiet of their community.

For them, rezoning a tract of property for a home and a business didn't set well. Many attended a meeting of the Bullitt County Joint Planning Commission to voice their opposition.

Planners agreed and sent an unfavorable recommendation to Bullitt County Fiscal Court.

Tracy and Matthew Biggs recently purchased a 6-acre tract on Markwell Lane. They requested to rezone the property from Agricultural (non-conforming) to B-1 Highway Business.

Attorney Mark Edison said that his client purchased the vacant tract and hopes to build a single-family dwelling and a building to house a plumbing business.

According to the current regulations, the in-home service business would require a B-1 zoning.

In discussions with the applicant, Edison said restrictions were agreed upon by the owner.

One restriction is that if the plumbing business was sold, the owners would ask to rezone the property R-1 Residential.

Another agreed restriction would be to have no signage on the property to advertise the business.

Edison said there would be no Sunday hours of operation. Work during the other six days would be limited to 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Also, all material storage

and equipment would be placed inside the building behind the house.

There would be no retail sales and any expansion of the business would require approval from the planning commission.

Edison added that there would be screening along any point that the property touches residential zoning.

There would be no more than 14 employees so he didn't feel there would be any added impact to the road situation.

Even with the restrictions, residents were not pleased with the request.

Mark Schmidt said that Markwell Lane has no pavement markings and is very narrow.

He said the business would not fit into the nature of the community. Plus, once it is zoned commercial, it could open up more rezonings.

Kenneth Davidson said that the growth in the community has led to dangerous traffic situations each morning and evening.

The road has become a cut-through to those reaching Bardstown Road or Kings Church Road. Access to the Gene Snyder Freeway and Broad Run Park can be gained by using Markwell Lane.

He said people moved to the community for the peace and quiet but this would not conform with those traits.

Tim Grass said that this business was not needed next to his home. He was concerned with the number of kids in the area and more traffic could make it more dangerous for those who drive golf carts in the area.

Sharon Plummer said allowing the rezoning would lead to a ticking time bomb.

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Primary over, June 2 filing deadline looms

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SHEPHERDSVILLE – With the primary completed, the focus will now go to the November general election.

With the partisan elections complete, it is time for the local races.

The filing deadline for the non-partisan races will be on June 2 at the county clerk's office.

A few races have begun to be filled.

None of the races for mayor have more than one person who has filed.

In Mount Washington, Greg Gentry, currently a councilmember, is the lone person on the ballot for mayor.

In Shepherdsville, incumbent Jose Cubero is seeking a second term. No one else has filed.

In Hillview, long-time

mayor Jim Eadens will be retiring. City clerk Karen Richard has filed to run for mayor.

Jerry Clark has filed for another term in the city of Hebron Estates and Owen Taylor is running for another term in Fox Chase.

In Pioneer Village, long-time mayor Gary Hatcher ran for magistrate. Danny Allen has filed for the mayor's position.

In the city of Hunters Hollow, councilman Rick Israel has filed for mayor.

And in Lebanon Junction, the top two votegetters in the May 19 primary to face off.

There is a little more interest in the city council races.

In terms of the six city council seats, Rob Adams is the only incumbent who has filed.

Others who have filed their

paperwork include Steven Ayling, Jo Coffman, Deb Huffman, Paula Mangus and Terry Stamps. Both Huffman and Mangus have previously served on the council.

In Hillview, incumbents Robin Triplett, Alice Meredith Keister, Randall Hill, Wes Stafford and Lisa Boggs have filed. Former councilmember Kim Whitlock has also filed. The newcomer is Terry Saunders.

Jason Cantwell, Jeremy Jenkins, Dalen Lance, Stephen Strong, Brian Anderson and Michael Hoben have filed. None of the existing councilmembers have filed to date.

In Fox Chase, six council positions will be on the ballot.

Incumbents Sandra Higgins, Wayne Muscar, Sandy Osborne and Ed Berger have filed for another term.

In Hebron Estates,

incumbents Bob Denner and Kathy Merrifield have filed. Also filing is Tammy Medlock.

Four seats are available for Hebron Estates.

In Hunters Hollow, there will be six seats up for grabs.

Incumbents Bonnie Israel, Linda Parker, David Lotze and Paulette Delano

In Pioneer Village, four newcomers are looking to earn one of the six available council seats.

Alisha Fewell, Keith Burns, Isabella Leister and Jennifer Owen are looking to land their first elected office.

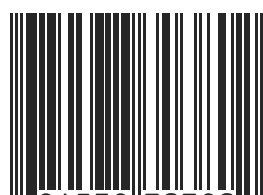
Two school board seats – currently filled by Dr. Matt Mooney and Lisa Hodges – will be on the ballot.

Also, the Division 3 Family Court judges position has two contenders. Incumbent Monica Meredith is being challenged by Amanda Spalding.

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