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KY 93

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Jaime Green-Smith said the memorial aims to urge motorists to reduce speed, remain vigilant and safely share the roadway with cyclists, pedestrians and others commuting the roads.

Family members attended to honor King, who lost his life while riding his bicycle along KY Route 93 in 2023. Sen. Jason Howell was also present for the dedication, as was KYTC District 1 Public Information Officer Carrie Dillard.

Smith read a letter from Cheryl Lawson, who wrote to Smith to ask that a "Share the Road" memorial sign to be placed on the highway, hoping that it would reduce tragic accidents. Lawson is the grandmother of Shelby King, married to Sean King.

It read, in part: "Sean, at the age of 23, left his family standing in front of their house while taking a short bicycle ride down a straight stretch of Highway 93 North on May 24, 2023. Traffic began to slow to a stop and Shelby (King) asked the motorist what was happening. They told her someone on a bicycle was just hit



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by a pickup truck. My great-grandchildren are now ages 3, 5, 6 and 8 and have begun another school year in Lyon County without a father. They have also just started to ride their bicycle in their yard and driveway."

According to Smith, not only did Lawson send the letter to her, but also to KYTC District 1 Chief Engineer Kyle Poat. Smith then read the resolution, which detailed Sean Robert King, describing him as a wonderful husband, father, son, son-in-law, brother, uncle and cherished member of his community.

The resolution also described how King's loss has deeply affected family, friends and all who knew him. It read that his passing serves as a solid reminder of the importance of roadway safety and the

shared responsibility of motorists and cyclists to protect one another.

This "Share the Road" memorial sign is expected to play an important role in raising awareness and encouraging caution in preventing further and future tragedies on Kentucky roads. It is a way the commonwealth will honor King's memory, now placed at the location where he lost his life, both as a tribute and as a message promoting safer travel for all.

At the time of the dedication, two "Share the Road" memorial signs had already been erected in King's honor. Smith then unveiled the sign, which was for the family to take home. King's family members thanked all involved in the placement of the signs and for erecting them in his honor.

Heritage society to hold Memorial Day, 250th anniversary service

BY TIMES LEADER STAFF

FREDONIA — The Fredonia Valley Heritage Society and Fredonia American Legion Post 103 will hold a Memorial Day Service that aims to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of America's independence and the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Everyone is invited to wear period costumes from that time in the country's history.

The service will include a flyover by Air Evac Helicopters. A new American flag and new flags for the military branches will be raised by the Fredonia American Legion Post 103 Color Guard. There will be music by Fredonia Valley Voices.

The program will feature the story of Revolutionary War Patriots, including John Elder, James Hawthorn, and Robert Leeper, who

settled in the Fredonia area after receiving land grants for their service. Members of the local Daughters of the American Revolution General John Caldwell Chapter and local Sons of the American Revolution Captain William Prince Chapter will be recognized and will share brief biographies of their ancestors who served in the

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as a bright, loving and spirited 16-year-old who touched the hearts of family, friends, her school community and all who knew her. LeFan passed away in a two-vehicle crash almost two decades ago on KY 295 between Dycusburg and Eddyville.

Both Lyon County Judge Executive Jaime Green-Smith and Crittenden County Judge Perry Newcom were in attendance alongside LeFan's family

members.

Smith then read the resolution, which said in part: "Whereas Andrea is remembered for her kindness, generosity and vibrant personality that left a lasting impression on those around her and continued to inspire her community. Whereas the loss of someone so young is felt deeply, it is fitting that the commonwealth honor her memory in a meaningful and permanent way."

Smith also read that the signage was posted at the bridge to provide a place of reflection, remembrance and will stand as a tribute to

the joy LeFan brought to others, as well as the love she leaves behind.

Erecting this sign at the site of where she lost her life will also serve as a tribute and message promoting safer travel for all.

Newcom also read the Senate Joint Resolution that was passed by both the Senate and the House.

Smith then unveiled the signage that will go to the family, just as Kentucky Transportation Cabinet District 1 was erecting signs on both the Lyon County and Crittenden County sides of the Livingston Creek Bridge.



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"It's all about getting that conversation going so they feel comfortable and safe having those conversations with trusted adults, or letting a trusted adult know about a friend struggling, for example," Taylor Koerner told the Times Leader.

WALK

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and includes a component addressing mental health. Koerner said that if there are more opportunities in the future to apply for similar grants to help support another event in Lyon and Caldwell County, along with Crittenden, Livingston and Trigg, the Penny-rile Health Department will have another in the future.

At the end of their mental health walk, students were given 988 T-shirts that displayed crisis hotlines on the back. The shirts were intentionally green to mark Mental Health Awareness Month in May. In addition, students received backpacks packed with various items, including information about 988 resources, which Koerner considers of vast importance for students



to be aware of.

"It's all about getting that conversation going so they feel comfortable and safe having those conversations with trusted adults, or letting a trusted adult know about a friend struggling, for example," Koerner told the Times Leader. "Like Lyon County, the theme of this event was also about taking one step at a time, which just truly encapsulates what we have to do to get mental health to be more

accepted and talked about."

At the end of the walk, students who signed a pledge promising not to bully were given "be kind" bracelets. They were also entered into a raffle to receive a City of Eddyville pool pass and an Apple Watch.

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Above: The event proved to be educational and also gave students a break from testing pressure, enabling them to get active. It also allowed students to tend to their mental health and well-being.

Left: Koerner said that since the youth are the next generation, it is important to normalize conversations surrounding mental health, which will reduce the stigma and teach them that there is nothing wrong in seeking help.

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