

Whitley County school board holds October meeting

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WILLIAMSBURG — The Whitley County Board of Education met in regular session Thursday — accepting a proposal to enter a dual credit partnership with Murray State University. The program gives high school students opportunities to take classes that will reward them with college credit from Murray State. This new partnership adds the university to the many dual credit partnerships the county has already approved for its high school students.

The partnership will last from 2026 to 2028. Murray State University is well known for its many specialized and accredited programs. Among these notable mentions are the university’s Nursing, Teaching, Business, and Psychology programs. Recently the University has begun an expansion into their agricultural program with construction beginning on a new veterinary school building recently. The first class will properly be enrolled into the new veterinary program in 2028.

Whitley Fiscal Court approves first reading of \$1.2M borrowing ordinance



The Whitley County Fiscal Court convened for its regular meeting on Tuesday. |PHOTO BY MACEE SWAFFORD

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WILLIAMSBURG — Whitley County Fiscal Court approved the first reading

Tuesday of an ordinance authorizing a general obligation lease for up to \$1.2 million in borrowing to help fund ongoing county projects, includ-

ing blacktopping and the new detention center. During the meeting, Judge Executive Pat White, Jr. explained that borrowing the \$1 million was to help cover remaining project costs. The funds will help complete the detention center expansion project and a parking lot for the Administrative Office of the Courts. “It’s exciting that we have so many big projects going on,” said White. “We’re only borrowing less than 10% of the money for the project, the LARP project, the project at the parking lot of the judicial center — good things happening.” The court also approved several items related to county

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proficiency and 30% distinguished performance in reading. In mathematics, 36% scored proficient and 13% distinguished.

The elementary school rated in Yellow, followed by the middle school in Orange and high school in Blue — and sixth overall in the state.

WHITLEY COUNTY SCHOOLS

Whitley County Schools KSA results showed varying performance levels across elementary, middle, and high school grades.

Elementary students recorded 33% proficiency and 29% distinguished performance in reading. In mathematics, 41% scored proficiency and 21% distinguished.

Middle school results showed 38% proficiency and 27% distinguished in reading, while mathematics results were 37%

proficient and 20% distinguished.

At the high school level, 36% scored proficient and 13% distinguished in reading. Mathematics results showed 35% proficient and 13% distinguished.

The district’s elementary schools were ranked Blue, with the middle and high school both in the Green.

KNOX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

In reading, 36% of elementary students scored proficient and 22% distinguished within Knox County Public Schools. Middle school results were 35% proficient and 20% distinguished, while high school results were 34% proficient and 14% distinguished.

In mathematics, 37% of elementary students scored proficient and 17% distinguished. Middle school students recorded 30% proficient and 10% distinguished, while high school students recorded 25% pro-

ficient and 9% distinguished.

The district also highlighted its accountability performance, with its website identifying Knox County Public Schools among the top 10% in Kentucky and reporting a Blue state accountability rating. Lay Elementary was identified among the top 4% of schools statewide, while Girdler Elementary was listed among the top 10%.

Overall the district’s elementary schools scored Green while the middle and high schools received Yellow ratings.

LAUREL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Laurel County Public Schools announced that it ranked among Kentucky’s top 10 districts for both elementary and middle school performance and within the top 50 for high school performance out of 171 school districts statewide.

Elementary schools in the district scored

Blue ratings, while both middle and high schools were Green.

In reading, 37% of elementary students scored proficient and 34% distinguished. Middle school results showed 32% proficient and 31% distinguished, while high school results showed 37% proficient and 19% distinguished.

In mathematics, 47% of elementary students scored proficient and 18% distinguished. Middle school students recorded 39% proficient and 18% distinguished, while high school students recorded 37% proficient and 14% distinguished.

For more information on each district’s report cards, visit reportcard.kyschools.us.

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AT BRISTOL, TENNESSEE**

RACHEL SHAWN BRUMFIELD,
Plaintiff,

vs.

BRYAN ELDEN SHELBY,
Defendant.

Civil Action No. 25-CB-28947

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

It appearing from the Summons in this case, that **BRYAN ELDEN SHELBY**, cannot be personally served with process. **IT IS ORDERED** that publication be made for four (4) consecutive weeks in the **Times Tribune**, a newspaper published in Williamsburg, Kentucky, requiring the said Defendant to serve upon Plaintiff’s Attorney, Gregory W. Francisco, whose address is 162 Cherokee Street, Kingsport, Tennessee 37660, an Answer to the Complaint for Divorce filed against him in this case, within (30) days from the last publication date of this Order, and if the Defendant fails to do so, Judgment by Default will be taken against him for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

THIS the 15th day of June, 2026.

JUDGE

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