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Fiscal court approves tax rates, opens grant application

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Property tax rates overseen by the Marshall County Fiscal Court are going down this year, though residents may not feel the difference due to climbing value assessments.

During the Sept. 14 fiscal court meeting, the court opted to use the compensating rate of 7.1 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation for the upcoming tax year.

The compensating rate is intended to generate the same amount of revenue as the previ-

ous year.

In the Sept. 1 meeting it was announced that the previous year's rate was 7.5 cents, the compensating rate for the new tax year would be 7.1 cents, and the rate for the maximum revenue increase without a public hearing would be 7.3 cents.

The 7.1 cent compensating rate is able to generate approximately the same amount of revenue as the prior year's 7.5 cent rate due to

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Edie Jones (center) was recognized by the Fiscal Court for her art entries at the State Fair, all of which were awarded a blue ribbon.



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MCEC clients and staff are hard at work preparing for the 2026 Exceptional Sunday event.

Exceptional Center prepares for Exceptional Sunday

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For decades, the third Sunday of October has been marked as Exceptional Sunday at the Marshall County Exceptional Center.

The Sunday event serves as both an open house and a major fundraising event for the organization, which is a day training facility "dedicated to innovatively educating clients with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities in Western Ken-

tucky to empower them to live independently and engage meaningfully in their communities, according to the organization's website."

Executive Director Lindsey Walker considers the event to be akin to the facility's birthday — "a holy day" — marking a year of service and progress, as well as an opportunity to connect with the community.

While the event has changed form over the years, it continues to be an important piece of the mission

of the facility. Over the years the event has seen dinners, telethons, and more, but the most recent evolution came amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It used to be...we had gospel singers in and different things like that," said Walker. "We did a live telethon that Judge Mike Miller would be live on WCBL all day. Occasionally some guest speakers

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Aaron Dripps appeared in Marshall Circuit Court on Sept. 15. Dripps is charged with murder, third-degree terroristic threatening, convicted felon in possession of a handgun, first-degree unlawful imprisonment, and several drug-related charges.

Dripps case moves toward trial

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The case against Aaron Dripps has been continued to Oct. 13, and a trial date remains for Nov. 4 as discussions of an agreement come to light.

Dripps is charged with murder, third-degree terroristic threatening, convicted felon in possession of a handgun, first-degree unlawful imprisonment, and several drug-related charges.

The charges stem from the January 2024 death of Stephen Odom. Dripps was arrested at the scene and has been lodged in the Marshall County Detention Center since.

The case has seen a number of changes in the time it has spent in the court system. This has included a change in Dripps's representation, trial dates being set and vacated, and the addition of charges along the way.

A July 28 court appearance saw two separate cases against Dripps dismissed and

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County hospital to consider management agreement among future opportunities

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Various opportunities regarding the future of Marshall County Hospital are being considered, but Chief Executive Officer Steven Luther said that the hospital is not for sale.

A presentation from Baptist Health regarding "strategic

opportunities" was given to the Marshall County Hospital Board during a special-called meeting on Sept. 15. The presentation was given during executive session, with the board citing Kentucky Revised Statute 61.810(1)(g) as the exception. Subsection G of the statute allows an

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The Marshall County Hospital Board held a special-called meeting to discuss strategic opportunities with representatives of Baptist Health.



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