



# Economics is the focus for court Trucking company moving here

GREENUP – Good news was on the agenda when the Greenup County Fiscal Court met for its regular meeting on Tuesday, March 10.

The first piece came in Judge-Executive Bobby Hall's report. He announced that BWC Trucking will be moving from Ohio to Greenup County in the near future.

"The land has been purchased and the deeds are

being recorded," Hall said. "BWC is a well-respected trucking company and we excited to have Randy Kelly and his family moving to Greenup County very soon. Any time we can fill empty land, it's a great day."

The second piece of good news was that Sheriff Matt Smith was returning the largest amount of excess fees in his office's history, \$353,707.84, to the county. Smith explained that this

was in part because he was short on employees and that he has hired to fill those openings. Of that \$100,000 is to go toward loan repayment of the sheriff's office and the rest into the general fund.

Approval of the first reading of the jail budget was given and an additional \$25,000 was approved to meet the county's statutory obligation to the county PVA office.

Ambulance Authority Director Kevin Callihan told the court that his agency had a total of 543 calls in February with 13,487 miles driven. He added that the agency has responded to 1,543 calls in 2016.

Lance Warnock, solid waste enforcement director, explained that bad weather kept the lot shut down most of February. Still, 17 dumpster loads were taken to the landfill for a total of 76.22 ton. One load of metal, 7.22 ton, was taken for recycling. In addition, a load of waste

tires were taken for recycling and a dumpster load of plastic bottles was also hauled away to be recycled.

Also in February, 19 miles of roadside was walked with 91 bags of litter picked up. In addition, two tires were picked up.

Tim Gampp, the county library director, gave his quarterly report. He said the splash pad is set to open this year, although he gave no date. He also told the court that the annual summer reading program kickoff is set for May 14.

# Good news rolled out to Raceland council

RACELAND – The mood was upbeat at the Raceland City Council meeting on Tuesday, March 10, as good news filled the meeting. City Administrator Dustin Burchett summed it up when he said, with great enthusiasm, "This has been a banner year for Raceland."

He was speaking about the various projects that have or are coming to fruition and helping make Raceland a destination. A new restaurant, The Roost, is set to open on March 31, an investment by SuperQuik which will offer a variety of items from pizza to ice cream.

Burchett also offered an update on the new SOMC medical outreach center which is set to open later this year, and told the council that after years of trying, the city is receiving a grant to help finish the city park renovations.

Also at the meeting, Police Chief Donnie Inskip announced the hire of a new

officer and the promotion of several other members of the department.

He told the council as well that February was a busy month with 267 calls handled in Raceland and Wurtland.

The fire department report showed its volunteer members responding to one vehicle accident, one unknown fire, one smell/odor investigation, one fire alarm activation and six EMS assists for a total of 10 calls. The public works report included work on a water main, leak repairs and 187 work orders taken care of.

The council discussed a request to rezone the property of a closed church to allow the building to become apartment housing. Burchett explained that the site is zoned R1, single family dwelling, and the request is to make it R2, multi-family dwelling. Mayor Tony Wilson said that a number of years ago, FIVCO drew up a



From left are Chief Donald Inskip, new police academy graduate Alex Manning, Lieutenant Glen Riley, new police academy graduate Cole Kemper, Sergeant Dwayne Bowen, and Corporal (and school resource officer) Larry Martin..

zoning map and that except for certain areas deemed commercial, the rest of the city is R1.

There are apartment and multi-family dwellings in the city, which were either built without regard to the zoning ordinance or in place before the ordinance was

passed. Wilson said the current zoning ordinance needs to be revamped to reflect the needs of the city and its residents, adding that many others need updating as well.

In the meantime, the council approved the zoning variance. The request will now go to the county plan-

ning commission which will hold a public hearing and then offer its recommendation, Burchett said.

The council also approved the payment of \$571.34 as its share of a study on whether public transportation such as a bus system is feasible in Greenup County.

# Building Bridges ready to tackle addiction

ASHLAND – In an effort to improve mental health and combat drug issues, there was a symposium called Bridges Out of Addiction at the Ashland Community and Technical College Technology Campus on March 10.

Scott Murphy, Ramey-Estep/Re-Group's director of Community Impact, said the symposium came about around eight years ago when King's Daughters Medical Center and Our Lady of Bellefonte hospitals organized a working group to address the drug issues in the area. The group grew to include other agencies including local school's Family Resource directors.

"It started out as a discussion around a lunch table in 2018. Our first symposium was in 2019 in the ACTC campus in Ashland," Murphy said. The symposium continued even during COVID-19 with the meetings going virtual. This

year's attendance was 146 people.

The goal has remained has remained, creating a path to the clients they serve.

"The whole reason we put this on is to spread awareness of the resources that are available in our community. Our ultimate goal is to take back that information to somebody who is at their lowest point in their life," Murphy said. "You go from reaching your hand out to reaching your hand up. And when it becomes that time of someone reaching their hand up, there is a hand to grab that person and help them."

He said they want to arm people with information and resources so that when it comes time that a person needs help and is willing to accept help, "someone is there and we can truly save lives in our community."

The symposium was planned by representatives



Keynote speaker John Bowman, campaign manager for Dream.Org, spoke to attendees at the Bridges Out of Addiction symposium about how public health is public safety on Tuesday.

from Pathways, Ashland-Boyd County Health Department, Greenup County Health Department, a planning committee made up of retired health professionals, UK-KDMC,

Ramey-Estep, Marshall University, United Way and local school representatives.

"It truly takes a village and this village is strong," Murphy said.

"When we can meet

monthly without food being served, you know you have the right people with the passion in their hearts.

"They are showing up because they want to make a change."



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