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High School Fishing on Lake Cumberland

(World Finals and National Championship)

Todd McFarland

The Monticello Tourist Commission met for a regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 17th at the Monticello Wayne County Chamber of Commerce office. Board members heard updates from Executive Director Todd McFarland on upcoming events and numerous topics for discussion.

The Spirit of the Doughboy will be held on April 10th and Casting For Kids will be held on April 17th and 18th. The Board agreed to check on the availability of having Kentucky Sports Radio show to do a live remote in downtown Monticello in May.

The Board was given information on the Egg-Stravaganza Easter Egg Hunt at the park to be held April 4th at 1:00pm which is free for all kids and presented by the Monticello Tourist Commission and the Alcohol Beverage



Control Office in Monticello. Board members were also informed about the Magic and Hypnotist show coming up on May 9th at the Wayne County High School Gym with all proceeds going to the Wayne County Project Graduation.

The Board agreed to do a sponsorship of the High School Fishing World Finals and

National Championship to be held on Lake Cumberland in June and they had a long discussion on Spring Fest coming up May 15th and 16th in Downtown Monticello. Free music will be provided along with events for the kids to do. Arts and Crafts Vendor information along with Food Vendors will be posted on the Visit Monticello

Ky Facebook page in the next few days. Bands for the event were discussed and will be announced once the contracts are completed.

The next meeting for the Monticello Tourist Commission will be April 21 at 4:30pm at the Monticello Wayne County Chamber of Commerce Office and is open to the public.

Homeless and Hungry

Mary Ellis

We're only human and lots of folks who have made their way to Wayne County fall short of a fixed, regular and adequate residence, not only for a roof over their head and shelter, but a place to sleep at night.

With eyes wide open, we can see needy individuals walking our streets whether it be in search of a bite to eat or to get in a dry safe place away from the elements.

You'll notice lots of individuals on foot here in our hometown, day in and day out, mostly during the morning and late evening. These people do not have the resources to meet their needs and after sleeping outside overnight and still waking up homeless and hungry. They're looking for food be-

fore nighttime arrives all over again and they're settling in somewhere outside for another night's sleep.

In talking with a young fella a few weeks ago and asking if he needed a ride, his response was heartbreaking. He said, "I have no place to go" and went on to say he was just walking and was on his way then to a food box located in the Town and Country Plaza, just hoping there might be something in it that he could eat.

Another chance meeting occurred one rainy morning near the carwash in the Tradeway, where a homeless man was on foot and he walked into one of the bay areas where a conversation took place.

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Student Leaders Rally with Secretary of State

Nonpartisan Initiative to Boost Voter Turnout in Rural Areas

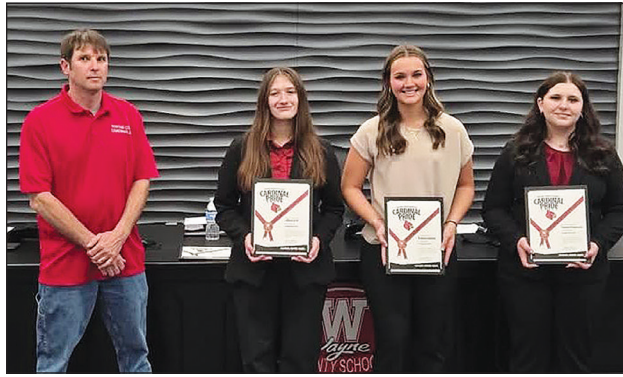
Now in its 11th year, Kentucky Electric Cooperatives kicked off the 2026 Co-ops Vote on Thursday with the support of Secretary of State Michael Adams and nearly 90 high school juniors representing co-ops from across the commonwealth.

Co-ops Vote is a nonpartisan initiative to boost voter registration and turnout in areas served by electric

cooperatives. Though co-ops serve more than 70 percent of Kentucky's landmass, voter participation in rural areas has historically not kept up with other parts of the commonwealth.

"Coops Vote works," Adams said. "We've seen an increase in rural turnout since you all started this program."

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JAG students were recognized by the school board for their hard work at regional and state competitions

JAG Students Recognized: To Compete at Nationals

Brian Dishman

The Wayne County Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, March 19. During the meeting, the board voted to amend the 2026-2027 school calendar to designate

February 12, February 15, and March 12 as possible weather-related makeup days. The board also voted to reject all bids received for the softball renovation project and

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Center Accepting Applications for ARC Mini Grant Program

The Center for Rural Development is accepting grant applications for the 2026 Kentucky Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) mini-grant program. The mini-grant program (sometimes referred to as the Flex-E-Grant program) is open to qualified local units of government and non-profit entities in Wayne County for capacity building planning and implementation projects.

The mini-grant program provides strategic investments in projects that build community capacity to mobilize

local resources, gain leadership experience, and strengthen community institutions and networks. Grants are subject to approval for up to \$10,000, require a 20 percent match of total project costs, and are to be completed within a six-month timeframe. Mini-grant funds are available on a reimbursement basis only.

For more information or to download a request for proposal, visit <https://centertech.com/arc-mini-grant-flex-e-grant/>.

All grant applications

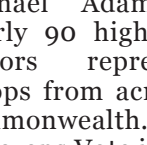
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NATIONAL Colorectal Cancer Awareness MONTH

Of ALL cancers, colorectal cancer will take the most lives of people under fifty by 2030. This is "Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month" and Kentucky has the second highest rate for colorectal cancer in the United States. It's preventable with screening and affordable take home options.

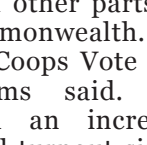
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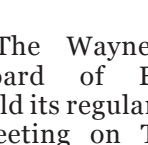
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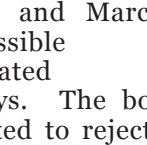
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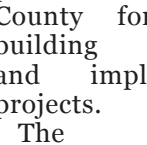
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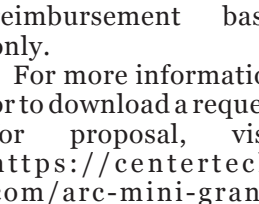


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