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Education, growth and technology in southcentral Kentucky’s communities

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When property developments are initiated in Warren County, the fight to approve projects can pit neighbors versus neighbor and neighborhood versus neighbor. They can also pit the agriculture community versus people who would like to live out in the countryside but still have city conveniences.

“We see a lot of pressure and a very economically successful community,” said Executive Director Ben Peterson of the City-County Planning Commission of Warren County. “Housing is a need to support that growth.”

The City-County Planning Commission of Warren County, the first quarter of 2017, processed 99 applications in the first quarter of 2017, the most since 2013. “That tension is no more true than when housing encroachment and multi-family housing development projects are initiated in Warren County by making mandatory a sewer hook up project within 2,000 feet or county sewer lines. The advantage on package plant sewage system was enhanced and up to systems underground are allowed out whenever possible.”

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GROWTH SPURT

Development pressures pit farmland against accelerated housing demand in county

By CHARLES A. MASON

Runaway construction has expanded agricultural operations remain vital to the city-style developments throughout farmland. The planning commission also recognized the need for single-family housing in Warren County by making mandatory a sewer hook-up project within 2,000 feet or county sewer lines. The advantage on package plant sewage systems was enhanced and up to systems underground are allowed out whenever possible.

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Sometimes the development model that allows one to develop in a non-residential area:

Broiling Green project featureing two new commercial buildings planned along Fairview Avenue by Construction Design Management LLC, also received some opposition before the planning commission and the Bowling Green City Commission last year.

Despite plans in opposition that included a scripture from the Bible about 'weeds among the wheat,' opposition showed in November to planning commercial-residential development along Fairview Avenue, where two buildings will be off-farm.

Construction Design Management LLC, which consists of Luke, Matthew and Zachary Williams of Bowling Green, received a re-approved 2.49-acre at 1125, 1229, 1133 and 1143 Fairview Ave., plus 601 Greenlawn Ave. and 604 Meadowlawn Ave., from single-family residential to highway business.

The buildings are "suitable in scale... and find some place else to build them," Berg noted. "The proximity to Meadowlawn Avenue for the former residents, November public hearing."

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Pro-wet groups gain new strength in area

By JUSTIN STORY
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In the space of two years, the beverage industry has started tapping into several markets that had been hostile for generations.

Legislation enacted in 2016 that allowed Kentucky cities and certain populations to hold elections on whether to allow alcohol sales paved the way for numerous communities on the region’s stage votes that ended up creating two cities.

Morgantown, Rochester and Woodbury in Butler County, Auburn and Alvaton in Logan County and West Frankfort in Wayne County have all voted in favor of the legalized sale of alcoholic beverages since the beginning of last year.

“Morgantown has been effectively prevented by state law from collecting regulatory fees on sales, though cities are allowed to charge businesses a fee for the license to sell alcohol,” Josh Hampton, who was involved in efforts to legalize alcoholic sales in the former newly wet Butler County cities, told the Daily News in August that legalized sales, while not as potentially profitable as they would be in larger cities that can collect fees, would be a “good first step toward increased taxation and increased industrial development.”

Voters in Morgantown, Rochester and Woodbury decided to go wet the next month, one year after a countywide vote resulted in Barren County staying dry.

“I think it has to be viewed as an investment,” Hampton said in August. “There’s maybe going to be an upfront expense, but over time I think it will pay for itself.”

Perhaps the clearest correlation between an election allowing alcohol and an influx of revenue can be seen in the number of wet votes in precincts that house small-latitude vineyards. Bluegrass Vineyard in Smiths Grove stands to pay a greater number of its almsgivers, law enforcement potentially was raised about law enforcement potentially being burdened by responding to a greater number of drunken drivers or other offenses fueled by alcohol.

“With it’s unclear whether an increase in drunken driving among communities correlates with reduced traffic fatalities that goes from dry to wet, obviously law enforcement pays attention to that,” Barren County Sheriff Kent Keen said.

Barren County reported 313 arrests for drunken driving in 2015, according to statistics from Kentucky State Police.

Statewide, there were 21,225 arrests for driving under the influence that year, a slight increase from 2014.

Overall, however, arrests for drunken driving have decreased statewide from 30,211 in 2005, according to the KSP.

“Any time you have a county or city or municipality that goes from dry to wet, obviously law enforcement pays attention to that,” Keen said.

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Barren counties.

Decided to film in Hart and "An Uncommon Grace," George Shamieh, producer

All approved expenditures, 30 percent of funding on
drawing film productions by state tax incentives aimed
major boost in 2016. Lured destined to grow.

The film industry in the region seems
local opportunities, the film

Region pushes for growth in southcentral Kentucky

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A GREAT IMPACT

A Great Impact for an Important City, Plan, Campers

By WES SWIETEK

A more walkable community is a healthier and safer environment, according to Miranda Clements, program manager with the Warren County Metropolitan Planning Organization. Brent Belcher, community and urban planner for the western Kentucky region, said new sidewalks and multi-use paths, officially are aimed at working in the city and county a place where fewer people are increasingly popular mode of transportation.

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The plan will assess things such as the current state of and potential improvements for things like sidewalks, greenways, bicycle and pedestrian paths and public transit. There are three ultimate goals of the effort to promote sustainability, accessibility and safety, Clements said.

Once complete, the plan will be used by the MPO and other governmental entities going forward, she said.

“Recommendations for appropriate facilities for each type of street will be made (including on-street and off-street greenway paths), sidewalks, bicycle lanes, bicycle parking and recommendations for possible park and ride locations. Connectivity to existing and recommended greenways and transit routes will be identified. Design requirements for each type of facility will be provided, such as width requirements for bicycle lanes and off the road shared-use trails.”

Emphasis should be given to connectivity between key destinations, such as schools, residential areas, work places, parks, commercial and entertainment areas and their proximity to transit stops and routes.

The final plan is due June 30, but the MPO hopes to have it completed by late May, Clements said.

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Blue: Beginning riders, including children accompanied by an adult

Yellow: Intermediate riders who have the skill to ride as a vehicle in traffic

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The TIF District reshaping region

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Less than 10 years since its establishment, the district has seen more than $300 million in investments to help achieve its goal of stimulating downtown development.

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Warren County could soon decide if a plan to connect to a statewide internet fiber-optic network is feasible and affordable. Electricians across Kentucky build this network, which can provide internet service to every Kentucky county to provide access to high-speed internet, he said. Warren County Fiscal Court received seven bids regarding a proposal for plans to connect to the Next Generation Kentucky Information Highway, a statewide network of fiber-optic cables with connections in every county.

Judge-Executive Mike Buchanon said the county will likely be ready to choose one near the end of April or in May. He said the six magistrates who make up fiscal court frequently receive complaints about access to high-speed internet, which is almost nonexistent in rural parts of the county and not wholly satisfied for people who live in Bowling Green. Buchanon said, "In recent months, with the changing landscape of provider buyouts and mergers nationwide, we have received a record number of complaints and disconnections from residents and businesses within the urban footprint," he said in a text message.

There is a massive demand for high-speed internet, he said. "Broadband, in many people's minds and lives, has become a necessity," he said. "To most, it is as necessary and expected as electrical power, water or natural gas." Brian Metcalf, CEO of Connected Nation Exchange, a company working with fiscal courts on expanding broadband in Kentucky, said Warren County should be able to access the network if the county received could be divided into three categories.

At least one plan calls for the county to build its own broadband infrastructure to connect more remote communities and neighborhoods to the network. The second category is an access network, demand-driven model, calling for one outgoing line of the county to be provided with high-speed internet and expanding the connection throughout the county piece by piece from there.

"Once the business was operating at this point in the network, it would basically support building into the next segment," Mefford said. "You're addressing first the areas of greatest need in this model, but the dominant is the only model that's viable.

The main drawback with this approach is the possibility that a lack of demand in one area may prevent private companies from expanding broadband to other parts of the county, thus stalling the project; Metcalf said. The final type of approach calls for the county to build its own county-exclusive middle mile that branches off from the state middle mile and connects to public facilities like schools, fire departments and water towers. Private entities would be invited to build onto that infrastructure to bring broadband to their communities.

All three plans depend on the middle mile network, Metcalf said. "In every state, the middle mile project is part of what will make the county project more or less fiscally feasible," he said. In 2015, then-Gov. Steve Beshear issued an executive order calling for construction of the middle mile infrastructure, a 3,000-mile path of optic cables in a loop around the state.

The project started as an initiative to bring high-speed broadband to eastern Kentucky, said Mike Hayden, chief operating officer of the Kentucky Communications Network Authority. Hayden said rural areas across the country tend to be underserved in terms of access to fast internet.

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Bowling Green works to retain college grads

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Bowling Green wants to wonder where they’ll go and eat from college, they often sales coordinators, education technicians, human maintenance technicians, industrial management students, accountants, clerks and engineers of every type.

Students’ ambitions drive the type of career coaching they receive, said Robert Unseld of Western Kentucky University.

A Bowling Green man now represents Kentucky’s franchised new-car dealers on the board of directors of the National Automobile Dealers Association.

Danny Renshaw’s term started in January and runs until January 2020.

Renshaw is president and chief executive officer of Renshaw Automotive Group in Bowling Green. He started in the automotive business in 1973 as a salesmen at North City Ford in Madisonville.

He served as chairman of the Kentucky Automobile Dealers Association in 2012, and has also served on the Ford National Dealer Council and Toyota Regional Dealer Council.

Renshaw has been on the Western Kentucky University Foundation Board of Trustees since 2011. He served as director at First United Bank from 1996 to 2012.

Renshaw was named Madisonville Chamber of Commerce Small Businessman of the Year in 1995 and received the WKU Distinguished Service Medal in 2012.

NADA represents nearly 16,000 new-car and new-truck dealerships.
**Introduction**

Recent technological advancements have provided new tools for law enforcement agencies to improve their efficiency and effectiveness. These tools range from enhanced drug testing devices to portable electronic devices that can immobilize vehicles. The adoption of these technologies has not only increased the speed and ease of drug testing but also enhanced the ability of law enforcement officers to deter and catch drug offenders.

**Threats and Responses**

Amidst the ongoing opioid epidemic, law enforcement agencies have turned to technological solutions to combat drug-related crimes. One such device, the TruNarc, helps officers quickly and easily identify fentanyl-laced drugs, which are known to be responsible for a high number of overdose deaths. This device instantly determines how dangerous a substance is, allowing officers to take immediate action.

**Case Study: TruNarc**

Bowling Green Police Department spokesman Officer Tony Loving said, “With fentanyl if it’s inhaled, it can be in your lungs and cause immediate respiratory problems, including death.” The TruNarc device can identify fentanyl, methadone, carfentanil, and other drugs, providing officers with critical information in a matter of seconds.

**Advanced Technology**

The NIJ has been working with various departments to test and develop new technologies. For example, the Bowling Green Police Department has been using technology to immobilize vehicles. This approach involves using directed energy devices that can disable or disrupt a vehicle's electrical system, creating a “no-signal” state that prevents the vehicle from functioning.

**Conclusion**

By leveraging technology, law enforcement agencies can improve their response to drug-related crimes. Enhanced drug testing devices, like the TruNarc, and directed energy devices provide officers with the necessary tools to make informed decisions in real-time. The ongoing advancements in technology are crucial in the fight against drug-related crimes and the opioid epidemic.
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GLASGOW – With a lab dedicated to hands-on learning with science, engineering and art projects on a bicycle overlooking the school’s main atrium, Red Cross Elementary School is taking the first steps toward preparing Barren County students for technical careers.

Justin Browning, a sixth-grade math teacher at the school who’s been operating the lab since it opened in February, said he wants to encourage students to design their own approaches to solving problems and find multiple ways to work around the resources they don’t have.

“We’re trying to develop 21st century skills, which means we’ve got to challenge them to think,” he said.

Most of the lab’s materials, which include two crates of Chromo Toys, a 3-D printer, LEGO blocks and plenty of supplies used for artistic projects like aluminum foil, several kinds of tape and construction paper, are focused on teaching students to think critically, Browning said.

“You’re looking at $25,000 worth of community sponsorship,” Browning said. “It cost the district nothing.”

Donations for the STEAM lab came from local companies including contractor and manufacturer SpanTech, the Red Cross Parent Teacher Organization, Dart Container Corp. and the Glasgow-based RBG Foundation, as well as a host of private donors, he said.

On April 5, Browning hosted a science camp that roughly 15 children attended. About half of the session was instructional, while the other half was hands-on.

“I just thought it would be fun to do this with other people and learn new things,” said Anna Kate Alexander, a fourth-grader at Red Cross, who had never used the STEAM lab before. “I am really interested in learning about science.”

Anna Kate, who had never used the STEAM lab before, said she loved the method Browning used for teaching it allowed her to interact, innovate and cooperate.

“I love how we get to create things,” she said. “It’s really fun.”

Fourth-graders Baylee Bryant and Maci McDaniel were interested in working with others to learn more about science.

Baylee said she signed up for the camp because she was interested in learning about science and computer science.

“I just think it’s an amazing experience,” she said. “I never experienced anything like this. You get to have fun while you’re learning.”

After the gravity lesson, Browning introduced the students to code.org, a website dedicated to teaching computer science.

The lab is mainly designed to introduce students to coding skills, which the laptops help with, Browning said.

“That is the direction I see 21st century jobs going,” he said.

Currently, there’s a huge demand for young workers with coding skills, one that has been rising over the past several decades, Browning said.

“When I was in school, PowerPoint was the thing.”

See STEAM, 16

Above: Red Cross Elementary School students Serenity Simpson (from left), Maci McDaniel, Baylee Bryant and Maci McDaniel work on a project.

Below: Red Cross students work on a project.
Red Cross Elementary School students work on a project April 5 at the Barren County school.

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STEAM

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Bo Matthews, the district’s superintendent, said he thinks opportunities the STEAM lab provides are valuable for the students.

“I think any time you can merge science, technology, math, it leads to a deeper learning experience,” he said.

Because the students are learning about science, engineering and computer coding, it helps the students prepare for the district’s focus on career readiness, Matthews said.

“It’s a forerunner for what’s to come,” he said.

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According to Matthews, the STEAM lab is already an underground place for instruction among Red Cross teachers, and something he hopes to replicate elsewhere in the district.

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