

LOCAL BRIEFS

Bank donates \$10,000 to local schools

FNB Bank has recently donated \$10,000 back to Trigg County Public Schools through its Spirit Debit Card Program. These donations to the school systems are a result of FNB's 4th quarter 2024 Spirit Debit Card Program.

"We are proud to offer our exclusive FNB Spirit Debit Card Program to our local schools," stated Brooke Wiles, FNB marketing director, noting that the donated funds allow the school systems the opportunity to do more for their students and staff.

The FNB Spirit Debit Card Program allows FNB and their custom-

ers the opportunity to give back to their local schools when they use their FNB debit card. FNB currently offers Spirit Debit Cards for schools in Mayfield, Graves County, Trigg County and Marshall County.

The Spirit Card works like a traditional debit card and for each signature-based transaction (not using your PIN), FNB donates \$0.10 to the corresponding school.

Ceremonies set for new playground

Officials have announced a ribbon-cutting later this week for the new playground at the West

Cadiz Park in Cadiz. The event will take place at 1 p.m. on Friday.

Traffic safety checkpoints are planned

The Kentucky State Police (KSP) will be conducting traffic safety checkpoints throughout the Post 1 district, including Trigg County, to check motorists for compliance with motor vehicle laws including driving under the influence statutes.

KSP utilizes traffic safety checkpoints to promote safety for motorists using the public roadways and to provide a deterrent for those who violate laws contained in the Ken-

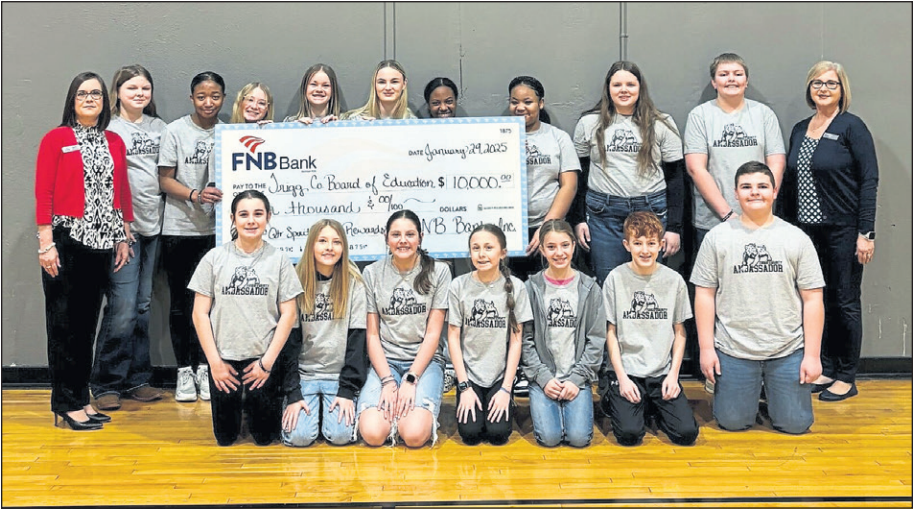


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Trigg County Public Schools recently received a \$10,000 donation from FNB Bank.

tucky Revised Statutes.

Drivers encountering a traffic safety checkpoint are requested to have their operator's license, vehicle registration receipt and

proof of insurance readily accessible. Drivers with this information in hand, those with no violations of law and minimal roadway congestion can reasonably expect to

be delayed for no more than 30 seconds to a few minutes.

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LIBRARY NOTES

BY PAM METTS
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"Let your love of reading grow wild and free." ~ unknown

What's happening at the library:

Check us out on Facebook, Instagram, and Pinterest

E-Books, E-Audios, E-Comics, Movies and much more can be checked out on Hoopla

Storytime every Wednesday at 10:30

Check out our website: www.jlslibrary.org

All our Cadiz Records and Trigg County High School Yearbooks are available on our website

Don't forget the 2025 Reading Challenge

Tax season is upon us: We are now taking appointments for free Tax service

Adult Coloring Night: February 6th in the basement at 5:30-6:45

Family Game Night: February 10th in the base-

ment 5:30-7:00

Have you been on a Blind Date with a Book lately? Stop by and check one out.

Pam's Pick this week is: "The Big Empty" by Robert Crais, this is an Elvis Cole and Joe Pike novel. Traci Beller was a teenager when her father disappeared. Everyone said he ran off but Traci never believed it. Now years later she hires Elvis Cole and Joe Pike to find out what happened to him. Finding a lead on the missing man Cole and Pike are followed by a gang of valent criminals. The cold case is far more sinister than Cole expected. Can he save them all from this nightmare?

New Fiction: "Just Some Stupid Love Story" by Katelyn Doyle, "The Crash" by Freida McFadden, "Holmes is Missing" by James Patterson, "Never Say Never" by Danielle Steel, this book is also in large print, and

"Onyx Storm" by Rebecca Yarros, this is the third book in the Empyrean series.

New Christian Fiction: "Cloaked in Beauty" by Karen Witemeyer.

New Mystery: "Into Thin Air" by Sandra Orchard, this is the third book in the Mysteries of Cobble Hill Farm series.

New Non-Fiction: "iPhone for Dummies" by Guy Hart-Davis, "Buy What You Love Without Going Broke" by Jen Smith, "Wanda Brunstetter's Amish Friends Comfort Foods Cookbook," and "National Geographic 50 States, 5,000 Facts: Everything You Wanted to Know and More!"

New Audio Books: "Robert B. Parker's Hot Property" by Mike Lupica.

New Movies: "Speak No Evil," and "200% Wolf"

New TV Seasons: "The Gilded Age" season 1, and "The Good Fight" season 2.

Happy Reading!

Health care providers depend on discount program that's facing fire

BY DEBORAH YETTER
KENTUCKY LANTERN

Smaller hospitals say a little-known government program to funnel more money to charity care is a lifeline in Kentucky — helping some keep the doors open.

"We use the program to increase access to care to the most vulnerable patients," Ashley Herrington, CEO of Owensboro Health Twin Lakes Medical Center, testified at a legislative hearing last year.

For larger systems, like University of Kentucky Healthcare, it allows expanded services such as testing and treatment for Hepatitis C, a costly and potentially fatal disease that disproportionately affects Appalachia, a UK official said at that hearing.

But Senate Bill 14, meant to strengthen what's known as the 340B Drug Pricing Program in Kentucky, has drawn opposition from an unlikely quarter — a so-called "dark money" pro-Trump group, Building America's Future.

In a recent news release, it claimed the program is being used to "subsidize health care for illegal immigrants and pay for gender transition for kids," two hot-button issues of President Donald Trump's winning campaign.

It urges Republicans to reject such bills in Kentucky and several other states.

Sen. Stephen Meredith, R-Leitchfield and chairman of the Senate



Kentucky Lantern/Deborah Yetter

Family Health Centers, a nonprofit in Louisville, uses proceeds from the 340B program to pay for services for patients who can't afford to pay.

Health Services Committee, has scheduled a hearing Wednesday for the bill he has sponsored for the second year in Kentucky's Republican-controlled General Assembly.

A spokesperson for the Republican Senate majority provided a brief statement on behalf of Meredith about objections from the outside group.

"We have seen those claims and have been unable to substantiate them," it said, adding that further comment before the committee meeting "would be premature."

Melissa Mather, a spokesperson for Family Health Centers, a network of federally-authorized "safety net" clinics in Louisville, said the pro-Trump group's claim was "smoke and mirrors."

Gender affirming care for minors was banned by the Kentucky General Assembly in 2023. And the role of federally authorized community health clinics is simply to provide health care, including to low-income patients, Mather said.

Family Health Centers, among 30 such community clinics in Kentucky, uses proceeds from the program to offer health services for those who can't afford the cost of care.

LAND

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cadizrvpark.com, currently has 100 parking sites, in addition to amenities like its bathroom and shower facilities, playground and dog park.

Mullen notes that the planning commission will make its recommen-

dation to the city and county in favor of the annexation for the RV park.

"It'll be for the benefit (of the community)," said Mullen, adding the expansion could benefit local residents who might want to stay at the park, in addition to tourists visiting the area.

A public notice of the upcoming hearing notes

that a petition and related documents concerning the public hearing can be reviewed at the city hall from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. beginning Feb. 17 and continuing through Feb. 24.

City hall offices are at 63 Main St., in Cadiz.

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also presented a report to the court, noting among other things that his office had 514 calls for service in January, a number that he said reflected a slow month for the sheriff's office in terms of the service calls that were received.

Acree said there were 150 to 200 fewer calls.

- The judge-executive announced that there will be a ribbon-cutting for the new playground at West Cadiz Park at 1 p.m. on Friday.
- Trigg County Road Supervisor Brandon Calhoun said his crews have hauled away 59 loads of debris since the

first of January.

- Because of the Presidents' Day holiday on Feb. 17, the court changed its next meeting to 6 p.m. Feb. 18 in the Trigg County Courthouse. The fiscal court normally meets on Mondays.

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PROJECT

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other people are going through," observes Roeder of the opportunity to work on the pillows for the cancer patients.

The young girl says she is aware of people who have gone through a cancer diagnosis.

Culinary instructor Faria P'Pool, who also serves as the FCCLA sponsor, notes that the January effort was a great way to combine resources for a service project for the youth.

P'Pool asked Tere-

sa Garcia of the Trigg County Extension Service if local homemakers would be interested in helping with the project.

On Jan. 28, two homemakers and Garcia joined P'Pool and her students at the new vocational school, where the women and students worked to stuff and sew the pillows.

In all, three homemakers participated in the project, including Lina Sverlow, Janeen Tramble and Paige Dukes, who was absent last week.

The homemakers made the chemo port pillows at home, with Sverlow noting that it

took only a few minutes of her time to put together the pieces of fabric that made up the small pillows.

Garcia observes that the group's outreach project particularly made an impact on her.

"When I found out what it was, the chemo port pillows, it hit home with me because my mother is a breast cancer survivor," she said. "I thought this was a great opportunity to give something back."

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