

# HOSPITAL

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dermatology clinic. Sumner said the hospital is already taking appointments for the dermatology clinic. “We’re already started to try to go ahead and fill our schedule,” he noted of the new clinic.

Sumner said Dr. Tanner Parrent of Hopkinsville is the collaborative partner with the clinic, which can be reached by phone at 270-350-4328. The CEO also noted that the hospital continues to work to get its new magnetic resonance imaging machine in place. Chief Financial Officer Don Michael reported to the board last week what he said was a very good month for the hospital financially in March.

Michael noted that there were 25 admissions for the month and 279 patient days, both of those statistics more than what they were at the same time last year, according to Michael. He added that emergency room visits, ambulance runs, surgery, radiology and physician office visits were all up in March.

“Cash remains strong, and looking at the income statement, revenues for the month were \$7,061,920,” the finance officer said, noting that was about \$2 million more than last year. Michael said expenses for the month were

\$2,305,063, or \$140,000 more than last year. He noted that the bottom line for the hospital for March is \$772,607, almost twice where the hospital was last year, according to Michael. Michael also said the bottom line for the 11 months ending at the end of March is \$5,302,429, or \$350,000 more than where the hospital was at the same time last year.

- In other business:
- The board accepted initial appointments for Dr. Maria Garcia in clinical pathology and Jamie Slagle, an advanced practice registered nurse in dermatology and reappointments for Laressa Bazzell, a nurse anesthetist in anesthesia and Dr. Todd Wical, a family medical doctor in emergency medicine.
  - An ambulance that the hospital was to receive in May has now been pushed back to August or September, but Sumner said the hospital has a couple of new ambulances sitting in the county garage ready to go.
  - Sumner said a new emergency sign for the hospital has already been ordered; it will be lit up on both sides, he said, and it should be ready to put in place in another six weeks.
  - The hospital’s board of trustees took no action following an executive session.

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# SCHOOL

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The superintendent said the district continues to have monthly leadership team meetings. He said the team now meets in Monday morning “huddles” to touch base with each other, and Booth said the local school district will also consider the direction it wants to take during the next five years as it plans ahead. Dr. Nick Carter of the Kentucky Association of School Administrators was on hand for the superintendent’s recent capstone presentation. Booth noted that Carter had been very instrumental in his growth as a superintendent. Booth’s mentor during his first year in Trigg County was Dr. Jeremy Roach, superintendent of Caldwell County Public Schools, who was not able to attend last week’s board meeting. Booth said he could not have asked for a better mentor, with Roach mentoring him during his first year as superintendent in the district. Booth also thanked the local school board for giving him an

opportunity in Trigg County. “I love what I do on a daily basis,” he said. The board during last week’s meeting again heard parent Kevin Hestand voice concerns about Board Member Charlene Sheehan’s actions several weeks ago at West Cadiz Park. At a March 27 board meeting after the March 22 incident, Hestand said Sheehan “stalked and harassed my son and his friend group of teenage boys at the public park,” he said. During the recent April 24 meeting, Hestand noted that he was on hand to remind the school board of the wrongdoings of Sheehan. “I will not let this go,” he said. Sheehan was again not at last week’s school board meeting but did participate virtually. Following that first school board meeting, Sheehan, who represents the board’s District 1, said she had no comment on the matter. Hestand said last week the parents are going to exhaust every avenue they can in the matter. The parents have contacted the state, but Hestand noted that they “apparently are not saying the right thing,” he said last

week. He said they will try again, with new evidence. School Board Attorney Jack Lackey said earlier that the parents would have to go to the attorney general’s office or to the Office of Education Accountability in Frankfort. Parent Dawn Pickett also spoke at the recent school board meeting but this time brought attention to a need to make improvements to the concession stand at the soccer field. In other business:

- The district’s transportation department was recognized for its efforts during recent rainstorms and flooding that impacted the region. Among other things, officials said the bus drivers coordinated new pick-up and drop-off sites with parents to ensure the children had safe and reliable ways to school.
- The superintendent said the students from the Trigg County Primary and Intermediate schools have recently had their art work on display at the Janice Mason Art Museum.

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# LEGENDS

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Revenuers tried to destroy Underhill’s still, but the LBL moonshiner would have none of it. “. . .After his three separate prison stays, Eugene pulled out the dents, mended it and began distilling again,” Smith noted of Underhill’s perseverance with his craft.

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Photo submitted  
A display at Golden Pond Distilleries features local moonshiner Eugene Underhill.



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### INSPECTION PERIOD FOR THE PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT ROLL

The Trigg County real property tax roll will be opened for inspection from May 12, 2025, through May 27, 2025. Under the supervision of the Property Valuation Administrator or one of the deputies, any person may inspect the tax roll.

This is the January 1, 2025, assessment on which the city and county tax bills will be generated and mailed out by The Trigg County Sheriff around October 1, 2025. Tax bills are due without penalty and interest by December 31, 2025.

The tax roll is in the office of the Property Valuation Administrator in the Trigg County Courthouse Annex and may be inspected between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.

Any taxpayer desiring to appeal an assessment on real property made by the P.V.A. must first request a conference with the P.V.A. or a deputy. The conference may be held prior to or during the inspection period. Written documentation supporting your opinion of value will continue to be required. This would include a recent appraisal, comparable sales, a copy of your insurance policy, or proof of damage, or a scheduled home inspection between the owner and the P.V.A.

Any taxpayer still not satisfied with an assessment on real property, after the conference with the P.V.A. may appeal to the county board of assessment appeals.

The appeal must be filed with the county clerk’s office no later than one work day following the conclusion of the inspection period. Please contact the County Clerk’s office to receive instructions on the method the office is using to accept appeals this year and to obtain a form that can be used to file your appeal.

Any taxpayer failing to appeal to the county board of assessment appeals, or failing to appear before the board, either in person or by designated representative, will not be eligible to appeal directly to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

Appeals of personal property assessments shall not be made to the county board of assessment appeals. Personal property taxpayers shall be served notice under the provisions of KRS 132.450(4) and shall have the protest and appeal rights granted under the provisions of KRS 131.110.

The following steps should be taken when a taxpayer does not agree with the assessed value of personal property as determined by the property valuation administrator.

1. Taxpayer must list under protest (for certification) what they believe to be the fair cash value of their property.
2. Taxpayer must file a written protest directly with the Department of Revenue, Office of Property Valuation within 30 days from the date of the notice of assessment.
3. This protest must be in accordance with KRS 131.110.
4. The final decision of the Department of Revenue may be appealed to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

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