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## Communities consider how to help with addictions

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Included in the new Trigg County budget is a line devoted to opioid settlement funds, \$228,748 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, that the county can spend to help people with addictions and to keep others from becoming addicts.

“We’re pushing around a few ideas right now,” said Trigg County Treasurer Lucy Kyler of the opioid funds that are restricted for certain uses. The funds will be paid out in installments through 2038, but officials said many people are still struggling to figure out how to use them. The settlement funds have

come to fruition in the aftermath of a class action lawsuit involving pharmaceutical companies who pushed opioids and who must now pay the funds to communities across the U.S., including those in Kentucky, as a means of financial reparation. Kyler said Kentucky is receiving \$478.1 million of a

total \$26 billion in opioid settlement funds. Locally, Kyler said officials have spoken with the Penny-rile District Board of Health to see what would be best for the community. “We are waiting to hear back from them on a plan,” the county treasurer noted of the funds.

She said some people have given money to clinics where people go for treatment, while others have used the funds to educate students and help keep them off the opioids. Funds have also been used for intervention efforts, for emergency responses or to

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## Parents talk with Sheehan at meeting

### Graduation ceremonies nearing

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The Trigg County School Board had a contentious beginning again this past week with parents on hand to express their displeasure with School Board Member Charlene Sheehan. Sheehan did attend the May 8 board meeting and told parents attending that meeting that she had no control over the negative comments that people made about her Facebook post or over people sharing those negative comments. One of the parents asked for an apology from Sheehan for her social media post, which she said bullied children and “posted minors on social media.” “We’ll handle this legally,” Sheehan replied to the parents during the school board meeting. “I’ve made legal overtures, and you can too.” The matter stems from an incident that occurred March 22 at the West Cadiz Park when Sheehan, according to an earlier comment from Kevin Hestand, “stalked and harassed my son and his friend group of teenage boys

at the public park.” Sheehan subsequently put a post on Facebook but later took down the post. Last week’s board meeting also saw the school board approve a contract with Sherman Carter Barnhart Architects for the elevator project at Trigg County High School. Operations Director Matt Ladd said the contract is a standard architectural agreement the district uses with the architectural company. He said the district has had several good meetings regarding the elevator project. The board was to have a special-called meeting at 3 this afternoon to further discuss bids for the high school project. The board will not meet on May 22, which is the night of graduation for the high school. The 2025 graduation ceremonies will take place at 7 p.m. in the high school gym. Reach Tonya S. Grace at 270-887-3240 or [tgrace@kentuckynewera.com](mailto:tgrace@kentuckynewera.com).

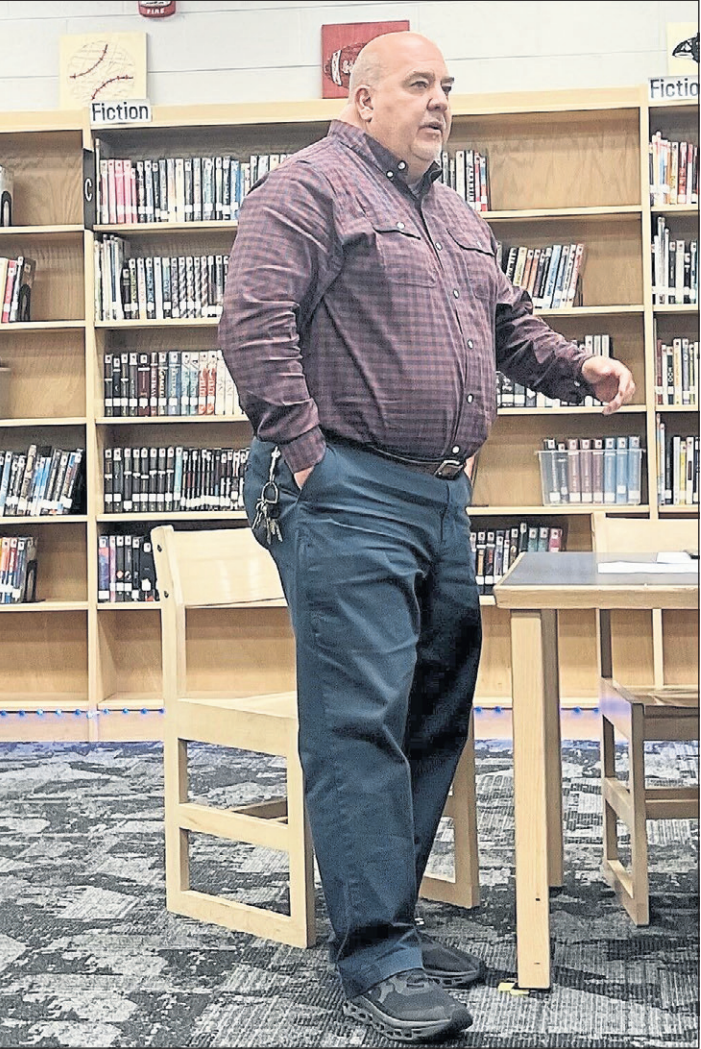


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**Director of Operations Matt Ladd speaks during the May 8 meeting of the Trigg County School Board, which took place in the media center at Trigg County Middle School.**

## TCHS youth selected for Gatton Academy

### First Trigg student in several years

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Space holds a fascination for Kat Tellez. It always has, observes the Trigg County High School sophomore, noting that her selection for an upcoming class of The Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science at Western Kentucky University will help get her foot in the door as she pursues a career in astronomy and space. “It’s a really exciting

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**Kat Tellez**

## Signage a concern in Trigg County community

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Trigg County resident Gary Blakeley says he is concerned about advertising signs at local businesses that he believes are inappropriate and not suitable in the local community. “It looks tacky,” Blakeley says of one sign in particular. “It looks trashy. It degrades our community by allowing that to be done.” A member of the Cadiz-Trigg County Planning Commission, Blakeley has broached the subject during recent meetings of the com-

mission but says he is not speaking about the signage as a commission member but is, rather, sharing his own opinion in the matter as a resident. He would like to see the signs that are currently in violation removed and would like to limit signs in the future, Blakeley noted. Additionally, Blakeley says the commission could recommend an ordinance in the matter, and he says he’d like to see something put in an ordinance to address issues with local signage. Blakeley notes that plastering signs like billboards in the

community is not good, and he noted that one LED sign is causing issues with traffic and making it difficult to navigate because of the glare produced from that sign. Others are too close to the road for safety. Some are too large or too many in number. Blakeley points to signs for one particular liquor business in the community and notes that the signs at that location are too large, and he believes, in violation of the alcohol ordinance. One Trigg County ordinance pertaining to the sale

and distribution of alcohol in the local community does set restrictions on advertising as it relates to the sale of alcohol locally. That ordinance, ordinance No. 10-0-01, notes that no sign, banner, poster or other type of display advertising which refers to alcoholic beverages should be displayed on or be visible from the exterior of any premises licensed to sell alcoholic beverages, except any reference that may be included in the name of the business. Additionally, it notes that no flashing, oscillating, rotating,

shimmering or other lights demonstrating movement or the illusion of movement should be used to illuminate or be visible from the exterior of any premises licensed under the alcohol ordinance. Businesses may have small signs in their windows to indicate prices for their products. Blakeley notes that cities like Princeton and even Nashville in neighboring Tennessee have regulations in place to govern signage, and he says having similar regulations in Trigg County would

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