

Special Veteran Parking Signs Erected In Sebree

Throughout the Green River Region at various businesses, churches, schools and medical facilities, red, white and blue signs designating veteran parking spaces are appearing. Four hundred and ninety-three of these signs are sprinkles across the region, and on Thursday, three of those signs appeared in the parking lots of Sebree Hardware, Independence Bank and the City of Sebree business office. The signs, offered by the Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame

Foundation are another way for communities and businesses to honor veterans.

The signs indicate a space is reserved for those who have served and those who continue to serve. Adrian Bambini who spearheads the sign effort in this area, spends countless hours visiting businesses, city and county government agencies selling the signs and in most cases installing them. The money raised through the project goes to the Hall of Fame Foundation and helps them

continue with many programs that honor and help veterans.

Signs sell for \$50 each with a \$25 installation fee that includes the sign post and hardware. The purchaser may select the spot where they want their sign located.

Several of the signs already appear in other parts of the county with Providence City Hall and Webster County Judicial Center having them at their locations, but Bambini would like to see more of the red, white and blue signs going up in the county.

Government agencies, schools, financial institutions, medical facilities pharmacies, restaurants, schools, senior centers, athletic facilities, golf courses, industrial production facilities, libraries, retail stores, funeral homes and many other companies and businesses are supporting this program.

Those interested in adding a parking sign to their business may contact regional Hall of Fame representative Adrian Bambini at 270-702-8251 or email for additional information at bamviniadrian@gmail.com.

Food Bank To Host Golf Scramble

The Providence Community Food Bank will host a golf scramble on May 3, 2025 as a fund raiser for the agency.

Tee off time is a 10:00 a.m. shotgun start at the Providence Municipal Golf Course in Providence. There will be two flights with the first flight winner receiving \$750 and the second flight winner winning \$500. The cost is \$250 per team.

The host will also accept hole sponsors for \$75.

For additional information contact Junior Martin at 270-871-5593 or Herman Hawkins at 270-635-3892.

The event will help you help the food bank to Feed Webster County.

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address and office space, Bumpus said. Bumpus also told the court that Beacon would like to add educational programs to those already in place at the jail to help with an individual's re-entry to life after incarceration. "Every thing we can do in Webster County to reduce opioid use will enrich lives and families," Bumpus said.

County attorney Clint Prow added that there are many resources the court system can't access, but having an advocate in this capacity could be a way to help individuals find resources to help them with their issues. Henry noted that the only problem is finding a space for the individual chosen for the job.

The court approved Bumpus' request. The position will be advertised and is expected to start on July 1.

The court also heard an energy program update from Ryan Baker who reported that nine county owned buildings have been assessed and the \$3.5 million dollars energy savings project is ready for the county to seek bond funding. The project includes doors, windows, LED lighting, a sewer project, solar installation, and improved HVAC at some buildings. The project will be funded through the sale of municipal bonds and according to Henry "will all us to get something done without having to dip into our budget. It gives us the opportunity to reduce electric bills which have risen drastically over the last several years." Baker added that the first year's savings is anticipated to be about \$200,000. The court opted moving forward with the project and gave Henry the authority to negotiate the contract with AFP.

Other business to come before the court included hiring Zachary West as a fulltime deputy sheriff. West will have to complete law enforcement academy classes in Richmond.

Magistrates also approved two interfund transfers with \$60,000 being transferred from the general fund to the sanitation fund and \$84,584, being transferred from the general fund to the jail fund.

The Canaan Ridge Park welcome center bid was awarded to Ferguson Construction of Madisonville, the company with the lowest of the four bids opened at the April 14 meeting of

the court. The \$260,000 project will get underway once a contract is signed.

Magistrates also agreed to advertise for bids for road materials including culverts, rock, asphalt, fuel and hauling.

The county clerk's fee was amended to increase by \$39,753, and the county budget was amended to increase by \$60,553 with funds from LGEA, a state grant, the jail and roads.

Before adjourning, magistrates gave Henry permission to negotiate with and sign a contract with ER Assist, a company that helps counties mitigate losses that can be covered by FEMA. With the recent flooding, at least 90 plus homes were affected and many residents displaced. ER Assist will help the county assess damages, look at the cost of replacement, restoration and other flood recovery needs.

EMA director Jeremy Moore told the court that a number of agencies are presently in the county helping flood victims clean their homes. Agencies are also providing cleaning supplies and man power, food and other needs to flood victims Henry complimented Lisa Preston and Onton Methodist Church for their work on flood recovery as well as many other community agencies and individuals. Moore noted that the entire community (of Webster County) has come together to provide food, supplies, and case management help for county residents. The flood recovery effort is ongoing for many in the county



Sebree Municipal Building



Independence Bank

Sebree Man Arrested By KSP Officers

A 32-year old Sebree man was arrested Tuesday, April 22, by the Kentucky State Police on charges related to child sexual abuse material.

According to a KSP report, Joseph Lee Kellems was arrested following an undercover Internet Crimes Against Children investigation. The investigation began after it was discovered the suspect was allegedly procuring a minor online.

The report states that the investigation led to an interview in Morganfield on April 22, and equipment used to facilitate the crime was seized and taken to the KSP forensic laboratory for examination.

Kellems was arrested just afternoon on Tuesday and charged with two counts of promoting/procuring used of a minor by electronic means, Class C felonies punishable by five to ten years in prison. Kellems is lodged in the Webster County Jail. He is being held on a \$10,000 cash bond, according to jail records. There was no information available on when Kellems will make his first court appearance.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Inspection Period For The Property Assessment Roll

The Webster County Property Assessment roll will be open from Monday, May 6, 2024 through Saturday, May 11, 2024 and from Monday, May 13, 2024 through Saturday, May 18, 2024 and also on Monday, May 20, 2024 for the 2024 Tax Year. Under the Supervision of the P.V.A. or one of the Deputies, any person may inspect the assessment roll.

This is the January 1, 2024 assessment on which the state, county, school, and other districts taxes for 2024 will be due this fall.

Any property owner desiring to appeal an assessment on real property made by the P.V.A. must first request a conference with the P.V.A. We can conference by Telephone, Email, or in Person. To avoid waiting you may want to call ahead and reserve a time. Those individuals who are unable to come in can appeal by writing a letter identifying the property and stating the reason for appeal and the Taxpayer's opinion of value.

Any property owner still aggrieved by an assessment of real property, after a conference with the P.V.A. can file an appeal on Wednesday, May 21, 2024 with the Webster County Clerk's Office by writing a letter identifying the property and stating the reason for appeal and the Taxpayer's opinion of value to be reviewed by Webster County Board of Assessment Appeals.

Any property owner failing to appeal to the County Board of Appeals, or failing to appear before the board, either in person or by a designated representative will not be eligible to appeal directly to the Kentucky Board of Assessment Appeals.

Appeals for personal property assessments shall not be made to the county board of assessment appeals. Personal property owners shall be served notice under the provisions of KRS 132.450(4) and shall have the protest and appeal rights granted under the provision of KRS 131.100.

The following steps should be taken when a property owner does not agree with the assessed value of personal property;

- 1) Property owner must list under protest (for certification) what they believe to be the fair cash value of the property.
- 2) Property owner must file a written protest directly with the Department 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 Kentucky Department of Revenue may be appealed to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

(The Webster County PVA Office is responsible for the assessment of property, however, we do not set tax rates or collect taxes.)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS PURCHASE OF OFFICE VEHICLE

The Property Valuation Administrator's Office of Webster County will receive sealed bids for the purchase of a new 2024, 4 door, all-wheel drive mid-to-full-size sport utility vehicle or truck until 10:00 AM the 23, day of May, 2024, at which time bids will be publicly opened and read. All bids must include "As Is" trade-in value for a 2016 Ford Escape vehicle currently owned by this office.

Bids are to be submitted to the Webster County Property Valuation Administrator's Office, PO Box 88, 25 US Hwy. 41A S, Dixon, KY on the Ground Floor of the Webster County Courthouse, on or before date and time of bid opening.

A list of specifications for said vehicle and delivery date deadline is on file in the Webster County Property Valuation Office in the Webster County Courthouse. The existing vehicle to be included in any bid as a "trade-in vehicle" may be inspected at the Property Valuation Administrator's Office at the above location, weekdays between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM.

The bid award will be made on the basis of lowest evaluated bid, taking into consideration delivery date, availability of service, adherence to specifications, mechanical warranties, and price.

The Property Valuation Administrator's Office reserves the right to accept or reject any/or all bids, if in its judgment, the best interest of the Property Valuation Administrator's Office will be served.

Conflicts of interests, gratuities, and kickbacks as defined in KRS 45A.445 and as provided in KRS 45A.455 are absolutely prohibited. The provisions of these statutes shall be noted and acknowledged by the users of the procurement document.

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