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Red's Donuts opens new Strawberry Hill location



New signs have officially been hung at the new Red's Donuts location. Expect them to open for business sometime in the next couple of weeks.

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KPI Editor

If you drove around the Strawberry Hills area of Paducah Wednesday, April 24, you might have noticed some signs going up at a certain business. That's right, the signs for the new Red's Donut location are finally up. They are having inspections this week and hope to officially



An old Red's Donut sign is hung up inside where their upstairs office is located.

open the doors sometime in the next week or two.

Brett and Kayla Clark are the owners of this location, as well as the one in Mayfield that opening in 2017. Brett Clark is the son of David Clark, who owns the original Red's Donut Shop on Jackson Street. Brett and Kayla Clark are wanting to expand the business even further and thought the booming Strawberry Hills area was the best place to do so. "We just love the area," Kayla Clark said.

Not only will this location of Red's Donuts have a different look to it, but it will have some different menu items, too. Kayla Clark said this location is going to have a full coffee bar, but the most exciting part is that they'll be bringing back old favorites that are no longer available at the Jackson Street location. "We will have old traditional favorites like the fried pies," she added. No matter what side of town your on, it's awesome that it will now be easier to treat yourself to some delicious Red's donuts. Getting to taste some of the classic favorites at the newly built location will make it even better.

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KY exports reach all-time high

Gov. Matt Bevin announced recently that Kentucky exports reached an all-time high for a fourth consecutive year with \$31.76 billion in goods and services shipped abroad from the commonwealth in 2018, a 2.9-percent increase from the previous year.

“Once again, Kentucky’s record-setting exports highlight the momentous economic progress we have achieved in recent years,” Gov. Bevin said. “Our rapidly expanding trade is the result of steps we have taken to create a robust business climate and to market Kentucky excellence to a global audience. The quality of Kentucky-made products is unmatched, and more and more people around the world discover this fact every year. We have cultivated some outstanding international relationships over the past three years, and we will continue these efforts as we build upon our commonwealth’s strong and dynamic reputation.”

Consistent with the past several years, aerospace products and parts took top-category honors in 2018, ac-

ording to data recently released by the U.S. Census Foreign Trade Bureau and WISERTrade. The industry shipped nearly \$12.5 billion in products to other countries last year; a 7.1-percent increase over 2017.

Aerospace-related exports skyrocketed more than 60 percent since 2014, when the industry sent about \$7.8 billion in products and parts across borders.

Motor vehicles (more than \$3.1 billion in exports), pharmaceuticals and medicines (nearly \$2.3 billion), motor vehicle parts (about \$1.5 billion) and resin, synthetic rubber and artificial and synthetic fibers and filament (more than \$1 billion) rounded out the top five categories. Notably, pharmaceuticals leapt 22.4 percent over the previous year. The industry nearly doubled its export totals since 2014, when Kentucky shipped out more than \$1.2 billion of pharmaceuticals and medicines.

Canada retained its spot as Kentucky’s top export destination, importing more than \$7.7 billion in

goods and services. France (more than \$3.3 billion) jumped to second on the list, with Kentucky increasing exports to the country by nearly 13 percent as compared to 2017.

The United Kingdom (nearly \$3 billion), Brazil (nearly \$2.5 billion) and Mexico (about \$2.3 billion) make up the rest of Kentucky’s top five 2018 export destinations. China, after making a drastic leap in 2017 to become Kentucky’s No. 4 trade partner – its first year ever as a top-five export destination for the state – imported the sixth most Kentucky products by dollar value (nearly \$2.2 billion) in 2018.

Since February 2018 alone, Kentucky delegations went on trade missions and business trips to Germany, Austria, Hungary, Japan, South Korea, China, the United Kingdom and, most recently, a US delegation trade mission to India led by Gov. Bevin.

“One of our primary objectives has been to ensure no other state out-hustles Kentucky. That approach has

paid dividends, as we have seen yearly growth in international trade and increased interest from foreign countries wanting to invest in Kentucky,” said Vivek Sarin, executive officer & co-CEO of the Cabinet. “We fully intend to move forward with this strategy to expand Kentucky’s reach even further; build new business relationships abroad and create new opportunities for Kentuckians.”

Kentucky now has more than 500 internationally owned facilities, which represent 34 countries and employ nearly 112,000 people in total. Terry Gill, secretary of the Cabinet, said Kentucky has made great strides but will not stop with these accomplishments.

“We have invested a great amount of time and effort on international growth, and these record exports and increased foreign direct investment demonstrate that those efforts, along with the state’s outstanding logistics capabilities, have resulted in great progress,” Gill said.

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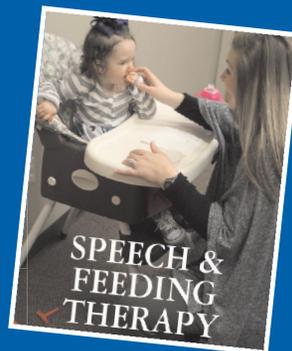
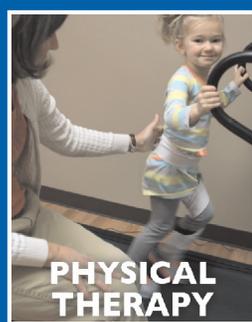
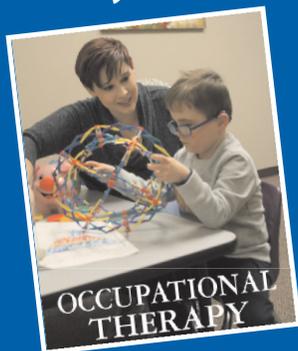
"You have all the ingredients here to be an incredible region," said Quick. "Start with the end in mind and work backward to build a plan...keep evolving. This is not the start but a continuation to that path of success."

For more information about the symposium and workforce development opportunities through WKCTC

Workforce Solutions, contact Kevin O'Neill, WKCTC vice president of regional workforce training and economic development and symposium coordinator at kevin.oneill@kctcs.edu or 270-534-3206.

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CFSB opens Graves County banking center

By Jason Travis
Paducah Business Journal

On April 22, 2019, Community Financial Services Bank, or CFSB, held a grand opening celebration for its new Graves County Banking Center located at 100 Dick Castleman Dr. in Mayfield, complete with tours of the new facility.

According to Jeremy Rose, CFSB Director of Marketing, CFSB is scheduled to open its Sycamore Street Banking Center on the South Side of Murray in the spring of 2020.

In addition, Rose stated plans are now being developed for the financial institution to open a Lone Oak Banking Center situated on 2 acres at the corner of Bleich Road and Hwy. 45. Rose said contrary to rumors, CFSB did not purchase the former K-Mart building. The financial institution purchased the parking lot acreage.

Once the Lone Oak Banking Center is complete, Rose said CFSB will have two locations in Calloway County, three banking centers in Marshall County, three in McCracken County and one in Graves County. These nine banking centers serve the Jackson Purchase.

Asked what sets it apart from other financial institutions, Rose stated CFSB combines world-class service and the latest in technology for its clients' convenience – from courier service to a new online banking platform that is coming soon. Rose said the goal is to meet



every financial need of their clients in the most convenient way possible as it commits to large investments in technology. Rose stressed CFSB values the personal relationships with its clients and underscored they are never just a number.

“CFSB is not for sale,” Rose stressed. “We have a 20-year growth plan to remain western Kentucky’s Community Bank. We are committed to our community’s success. We appreciate our clients and will continue to provide you with extraordinary service. If you are not our client, please walk in or call CFSB to experience banking as it should be.”

CFSB fully staffs banking centers in order to meet the needs of its clients. Banking service hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., at all banking centers and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday.

In addition, Rose said CFSB was the first in the region to offer interactive teller machines, known as CFSB Live! These machines provide access to a Live! Teller Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and from 1 p.m.-8 p.m. on Sunday. CFSB team members are a touch away during these hours, seven days a week, at all banking centers waiting to assist customers.



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Jim Beam donation creates spirits institute

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) Bourbon is synonymous with Kentucky, and now the state's flagship university wants to teach the next generation of master distillers who will produce the amber spirit.

Jim Beam bourbon said Wednesday it will donate \$5 million to the University of Kentucky to establish the James B. Beam Institute for Kentucky Spirits.

Albert Baladi, the top executive at Beam Suntory, which owns the Jim Beam brand, says the donation is an investment in bourbon's future.

The institute will offer courses across engineering, chemistry, business, law, horticulture, forestry, food science and entomology. Fred Noe, Jim Beam's seventh generation master distiller, says the industry needs to focus on educating new distillers, scientists and engineers to continue bourbon's global growth.

The Kentucky Distillers' Association says the bluegrass state produces 95% of the world's bourbon supply.

Strawberry Hills Pharmacy opens Southside location



On Jan. 14, 2019, Strawberry Hills Pharmacy opened its Paducah Southside location at 3837 Clarks River Rd. Business hours are 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday-Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. Call (270) 408-3784. Both drive thru and free delivery are available for customers. In addition to its pharmacy, other services provided include compounded pharmaceutical products, diabetic, weight loss and hormone counseling. Visit its website at strawberryyhillspharmacy.com.

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February sees record home sales across Kentucky

Median sale price up 7 percent over last year's record high

Lexington, Ky. – Kentucky home sales in February soared six percent over the 2018 number. Units sold reached 3,323 which is the highest level since 2016 and sets a new record for February. With larger numbers of homes selling early in the year, rebounding inventory numbers will take a temporary hit.

Nationwide, existing-home sales also surged 11.8 percent which is the largest month-over-month gain since December 2015, according to the National Association of Realtors®. Lawrence Yun, NAR's chief economist, credited a number of aspects to the jump in February sales. "A powerful combination of lower mortgage

rates, more inventory, rising income and higher consumer confidence is driving the sales rebound."

While the February housing inventory mark was down 13% over last year at 4.7 months, the year-to-date average of 5.2 months is a more manageable figure and down only 3% over 2018. Rising sale prices may continue to moderate the number of units sold and slowly boost inventory as the year progresses into the spring buying season.

The days on market level for February fell a full 13% from an average of 130 days last year. Kentucky saw houses remain on the market in February 2019 for an average of 113 days.

Rip Phillips, President of Kentucky REALTORS®, said that the January slowdown and subsequent boost in inventory was short lived. "The fact remains that there is great demand for homes right now. A boost in inventory will likely meet with a spike in sales figures shortly thereafter", he said. "The really great news is that the economy seems not only stable, but strong. It's a great time for investment in the housing sector since businesses are expanding and hiring causing unemployment to plummet."

As in January, the median home price again rose by 7 percent in February. The figure topped out at an

all-time high for February at \$127,700. The 2018 figure last year was just over \$119,500.

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Real Estate Commission introduces online process

FRANKFORT, Ky.- The Kentucky Real Estate Commission (KREC) announces a new online licensing process for all applicants for a real estate license. Applicants will now be able to apply and pay for their professional license through the KREC website <https://krec.ky.gov>.

"Our priority for the Public Protection Cabinet (PPC), which includes the Real Estate Commission, is to provide exceptional service to everyone who contacts our agencies," said Secretary K. Gail Russell. "Our goal at KREC is to provide the most efficient business processes, including applications, which will benefit all customers."

In addition, Secretary Russell states online licensing reduces staff time in processing applications and decreases turn-around time between application and issuance of a license.

Harold E. Corder, executive director of the Kentucky Real Estate Authority (KREA), reminds real estate license applicants that a national criminal background check is required by state law before taking the licensure examination.

Both formats are accepted with online applications.

Besides applying for a license online, current licensees may use the online services portal to renew their license; update personal contact information; place a license into inactive status; verify a license, and view continuing education history and requirements. Principal brokers also can complete those functions, plus view and print licenses; accept or release a licensee, and view contact information.



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Officials discuss future of parks, recreation in Paducah

The Paducah Board of Commissioners and the McCracken County Fiscal Court held a joint meeting to discuss the future of parks and recreation in Paducah and McCracken County. The elected bodies discussed the Parks & Recreation Master Plan process that is underway.

In October 2018, the City approved moving forward with a professional services agreement for the development of the Master Plan.

Since that time, a variety of public engagement initiatives have occurred including:

- Online surveys and surveys distributed in person at various events
- A statistically valid mailed survey (results are not available yet)
- A public open house in January with approximately 180 Paducah and McCracken County residents in attendance
- Meetings with a citizens steering committee; and Meetings with

more than dozen stakeholder groups interested in parks and recreation.

City of Paducah Parks & Recreation Director Mark Thompson provided an overview of preliminary results of the online survey and the surveys distributed in person at events. So far, 1408 surveys have been completed with 46 percent of the respondents living within the Paducah city limits.

Nearly half of the respondents said that they visited parks at least 20 times in the past year. Regarding the condition of the parks, 51 percent said that they give the parks a "good" rating.

A section of the survey asks folks to provide input on what types of facilities would be used at a new recreation center. The top answers are walking track, gym, family activity pool, and lap pool. When asked what upgrades should be completed at existing parks, the top

answers are new/improved restrooms, walking/hiking trails, and security cameras and lighting. Another question asks what should be developed or expanded with indoor swimming pools, walking and hiking trails, soccer fields, and baseball/softball diamonds as the top answers.

After hearing the preliminary survey results, the two elected bodies spent more than an hour discussing parks and facilities.

Items of discussion included:

- Funding mechanisms and challenges including the inability for Paducah to impose a restaurant tax due to State law
- Amount of land needed for soccer fields in addition to baseball and softball fields
- Previous studies and master plans
- Existing Paducah Regional Sports Plex facility on U.S. Highway 60

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- A review of existing facilities, parks, and land parcels
- Public-private partnership options
- Recreational programming options such as canoeing, kayaking, pickleball, and lacrosse
- Facility locations to best serve the population

To continue this discussion, the next joint meeting of the Paducah Board of Commissioners and the McCracken County Fiscal Court is tentatively set for Tuesday, June 18 at City Hall.

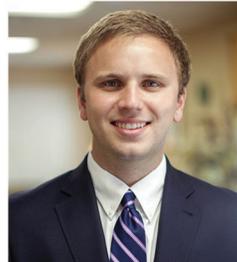
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Governor's School for Entrepreneurs selects local high school students

FRANKFORT, Ky. - The Governor's School for Entrepreneurs (GSE), within the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet, today announced 72 high school students have been selected to participate in the 2019 GSE program at Northern Kentucky University from June 23 - July 13.

GSE brings together high school students from across Kentucky, immersing them in a creative space during a three-week residential program and arming them with the educational tools needed to unleash entrepreneurial spirits.

More than 300 high school students applied to participate in the program. This year 72 students were selected from a competitive application process to receive full tuition scholarships, marking the highest enrollment number for the program.

Students from western Kentucky include:

- Cade Bleidt, junior at Trigg County High School
- Jonathan Sills, sophomore at Marshall County High School
- Kayla Murphy, junior at McCracken County High School

Through GSE, students learn firsthand about the opportunities, benefits and pitfalls of beginning a business. Teams of high school students develop business models, design prototypes, and pitch startup ideas to a large audience and panel of judges.

"Congratulations to the high school students who have been se-

lected for this year's Governor's School for Entrepreneurs program," said Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet Secretary Derrick K. Ramsey. "This is a tremendous opportunity for our students to be immersed in a creative, real-world experience where they can develop the skills needed to develop and launch their own business. It is also a great place to learn from each other and their teachers and experience a college campus."

Student participation in this annual entrepreneurial program has inspired more than eight new businesses throughout the Commonwealth, and actively engaged hundreds of GSE alumni in Kentucky's entrepreneurial ecosystem.

"The Governor's School for Entrepreneurs is a great source of inspiration, knowledge and real-world experience for Kentucky's next generation of innovators," said Brian Mefford, Executive Director of KY Innovation. "The students selected for this year's program should be proud and excited about the opportunity ahead of them. Their time at NKU will allow them to not only hone their entrepreneurial skills, but also be practitioners who actually launch businesses. KY Innovation is committed to supporting GSE's mission and we look forward to even more growth in the future."

Through partnerships with collegiate partners, GSE provides more than \$2.7 million in scholarship funding opportunities to Kentucky high school students each year. Since 2013, more than 350 student entrepreneurs have received scholarship funding through the program.

To learn more about GSE scholarship opportunities, visit www.KentuckyGSE.com.

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Lake Life Powersports and Marine is now open in Benton



The former Polaris of Benton, located at 46 Main St. in Benton, has become the new Lake Life Powersports and Marine location. Photo provided

By Jason Travis
Paducah Business Journal

If your ready to embrace the warmer days of spring, now's the time to visit Powersports of America in Paducah and Lake Life Powersports and Marine in Benton.

In January 2019, Polaris of Benton and Powersports of America merged its inventory to its location at Exit 11 off I-24 in Paducah. The new 30,000 square foot facility offers ATVs, side-by-sides and a variety of boats.

Meanwhile, the former Polaris of Benton, located at 46 Main St. in Ben-

ton, has become the new Lake Life Powersports and Marine location. They are a Can-Am off road vehicles dealer and offer SunChaser and Starcraft pontoons and tritoons.

Lake Life Powersports and Marine General Manager Nick Webber said whether its spending a day trail riding or riding waves on local waters, now's the time to think about the many ways you can enjoy the great outdoors. Webber said Lake Life Powersports and Marine allows customers to test drive off-road vehicles and boats on the water during warmer weather.

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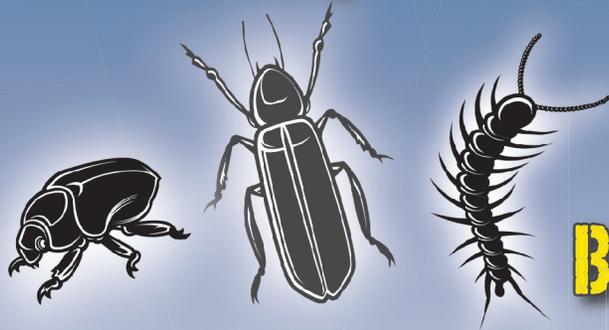
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Mid America Customs opens new location



By Jason Travis
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Warmer weather and longer daylight hours allow the opportunity to shake off cabin fever and enjoy the great outdoors in style. Let Mike Johnson of Mid America Customs equip you with a new Club Car golf cart or ODES UTV to meet your transportation needs.

With two locations in Paducah and Grand Rivers, Mid America Customs also sells used golf carts and service all makes and models. In addition, Johnson said they are also a custom golf cart shop and can personalize to one's own personal taste.

"Any kind of customization you can dream up, we can do it," Johnson said. That includes custom painting, upholstery, wheels, LED lighting and stereo systems. For higher performance, carts can even

be made to go faster.

They also rent two-, four- and six-passenger carts by the day, week or month. They even have the option to rent for the entire year. Leasing is also available. Johnson said many businesses, such as marinas and campgrounds, choose the leasing option.

Golf carts aren't just for the greens anymore. Johnson said for many communities that allow them on the roads, golf carts are the mode of transportation.

In addition ODES UTVs are also available for purchase for either high performance or utility. Johnson said they are great for recreation, utility or hunting.

Mid America Customs is located at 5980 U.S. Hwy. 60 in Paducah and at 721 Complex Dr. at Exit 31 off I-24. Visit them online at midamerica-customs.net.

Gov. Bevin Welcomes Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) National Board Meeting to Kentucky

Gov. Matt Bevin today welcomed the Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) National Board of Directors meeting to the Commonwealth, as the group convened at the Seelbach Hilton in downtown Louisville. JAG is a state-based national non-profit organization dedicated to preventing dropouts among young people who have serious barriers to graduation and/or employment.

Gov. Bevin, who serves on the JAG Board of Directors, welcomed his colleagues from across the nation, as he touted the program's remarkable success in the Bluegrass State.

"We are excited to host the distinguished members of the Jobs for America's Graduates National Board of Directors to Kentucky," said Gov. Bevin. "JAG Kentucky has invested nearly \$1 million in Kentucky schools to prepare the

next generation of student leaders. The program's impressive outcomes, including a 100% high school graduation rate among participants, prove the effectiveness of their powerful model. Not only is JAG equipping young people for success, it is enhancing the quality of businesses and communities all across our Commonwealth."

In more than three decades of operation, JAG has delivered consistent, compelling results — helping over one million young people stay in school through graduation, pursue postsecondary education and secure quality entry-level jobs leading to career advancement opportunities.

Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb, chair of JAG National, praised the growth of the program both regionally and nationwide.

"As chair of the JAG National or-

ganization, I am excited about the growth of JAG in Indiana, where we have the largest program in the country, and the growth of JAG across several states under the leadership of my fellow governors," said Gov. Holcomb. "Gov. Bevin has quadrupled the size of JAG Kentucky since taking office, and the organization has achieved even better results for our students, demonstrating we can scale up and enhance quality programming at the same time."

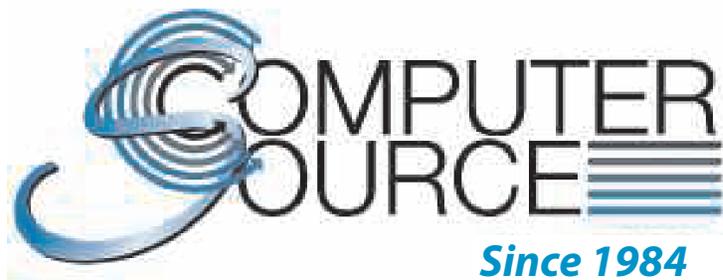
Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards, vice chair of JAG National, noted the benefits the program is yielding for individuals and for America's workforce.

"JAG brings together bipartisan leadership across the nation to bridge a gap to meet a critical need we all face in this economy, which is aligning skilled workers with the

jobs of the future," said Gov. Edwards. "The program works with youth who face significant barriers to success so they are prepared to enter jobs that provide upward mobility — a true win-win."

Larry Caruso, chair of JAG Kentucky, reflected on the astounding results the program has seen in the Bluegrass State.

"JAG Kentucky is excited to welcome the JAG National Board of Directors to Kentucky," said Caruso. "JAG KY has grown tremendously over the past six years and currently serves over 2,300 students across the Commonwealth. For the fifth consecutive year, 100% of JAG Kentucky students have graduated high school, and 85.5% are employed, in postsecondary education and/or in military service 12 months after graduation."



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Exciting things happening, to come for AGC of Western Kentucky

by Zac Willis
KPI Editor

Associated General Contractors (AGC) of Western Kentucky is an organization of 400+ members. These members include the top general contractors, residential/light commercial builders, construction managers, design/builders, specialty contractors, service providers and suppliers comprising Western Kentucky's commercial construction industry. The AGC of Western Kentucky is one of 96 AGC chapters nationwide. The chapter started in 1953 and has grown from just 19 members to over 400. There are numerous on-going projects being constructed and completed by its members in our area, which can explain why the AGC of Western Kentucky is an award-winning chapter.

The AGC of Western Kentucky has managed jobs in 24 counties across Western Kentucky, most taking place in the Jackson Purchase area, but they have gone as far as Owensboro. The majority of their members are



busy at this moment, especially now that the wet season is nearly behind us. Most new construction and/or additions are being done by folks of AGC, including jobs at banks, hospitals, plants, schools, etc.

Some of the biggest projects being completed through AGC are industrial ones. Some of their most recent completed and on-going projects include refurbishing of the plant in Wickliffe and the \$40 million hemp facility going up in Hickory, KY for GenCanna. One of AGC's members just completed a new wing addition to Community Christian Academy in Paducah. Another school project coming up in the very near future is the new Lone Oak Middle School. The new school for Lone Oak is set to be built right off Bleich Road. AGC of Western Kentucky also takes on government jobs. An ongoing project for the government right now is the infrastructure on Exit 4 in Paducah. The next government job ready for bids is believed to be a lock extension at the Kentucky Dam.

One thing folks outside of the AGC love to know about is when these types of projects will be complete. One that might have our area most excited is the completion of the work being done at Patti's 1880's Settlement in Grand Rivers. Patti's is expected to be completed by the end of the summer - bring on those pork chops! An ideal for how long some projects might take: the construction of the new Lone Oak Middle School is set to be announced soon, but a completion date of the fall of 2020 is already expected. The infrastructure on Exit 4 is hoped to be completed before the holidays to make travels for Paducah residents a little easier.

One of the most unique and fastest completions is going to be the GenCanna facility. The GenCanna project is set to be complete sometime in September 2019. That could come as a surprise to some folks as it wasn't that long ago that the project was announced. The main reason this has a quick completion date is because it's a tilt-up construction project. Tilt-up construction is when a building's walls are poured directly at the job site in large slabs of concrete called tiltwall panels. The panels are then raised into position around the building's perimeter to form the exterior walls.

The GenCanna facility is also one of the most exciting things happening in the industry. Chris Nelson, Executive Vice President for AGC of Western Kentucky said, "We are really excited about GenCanna and the positives the hemp industry is bringing to Western Kentucky." With AeroSource-H already in business in Kevil, KY, the region can once again see more job openings at another hemp facility in Hickory with GenCanna creating up to 80 jobs. However, that is just the start of the positivity coming from the hemp industry in Western Kentucky. Governor Matt Bevin announced in March that Fibonacci, LLC will locate a HempWood manufacturing operation in Calloway County and will create at least 25 full-time jobs. "It's a facility using hemp fiber to produce wood flooring instead of bamboo in Murray, KY and the first of its kind in the nation," Executive VP Nelson explained. The AGC members have to be looking forward to offering bids on this 11,230 square-foot project.

Though there are many great things happening for the Associated General Contractors of Western Kentucky, Chris Nelson did bring up one downside. Nelson said, "One drawback is the workforce shortage in our area." He expressed the need for more qualified skilled workers in the industry locally because it can really slow projects down. As a result, some projects that necessarily could be done in 10 months, might take 14-16 instead, or in some cases even more. "We really need to get the young people interested," Nelson added.

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Farrell joins Mercy Neurosurgery



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Neurosurgeon Brian Farrell, MD, PhD, has joined Mercy Health – Paducah Neurosurgery (1532 Lone Oak Road, Suite 143) in a collaboration between Mercy Health and University of Louisville Physicians.

Dr. Farrell received doctorate degrees in both medicine and philosophy from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Neb. He completed his neurosurgery residency and internship at Oregon Health and Science University in Portland, Ore. Dr. Farrell previously worked at Hampton Roads Neurosurgical and Spine Specialists in Newport News and Williamsburg, Va., and he is a member of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons and the American Medical Association.

Dr. Farrell is now part of the region's largest multi-specialty physician network, Mercy Health Physicians, which consists of nearly 150 providers serving in more than 25 locations throughout western Kentucky. Dr. Farrell joins Jonathan Couch, DO, and nurse practitioner, Tiffany Cates at Mercy Health – Paducah Neurosurgery. With Dr. Farrell's addition, Mercy Health-Paducah Neurosurgery now offers surgical solutions for carpal tunnel syndrome and ulnar neuropathy.

Mercy Health – Paducah Neurosurgery is located in Suite 143 in the Marshall Nemer Medical Office Building. The practice can be reached by calling (270) 538-6600. For more information concerning Mercy Health-Lourdes Hospital, including a complete online medical directory, visit mercy.com.

Mercy Health Lourdes names Long new director of Hospice



Long

Mercy Health-Lourdes Hospital has selected James Long, M.D., as medical director of the health system's hospice and palliative medicine program.

Dr. Long has retired from private practice to concentrate on his new role after nearly 32 years of providing care to patients in the Paducah area. Dr. Long has been active in the hospice program for more than 12 years, serving as medical director and hospice physician. He is board certified as a subspecialist in hospice and palliative medicine. Dr. Long earned his medical degree at University of Missouri-Columbia, and completed an internship and his internal medi-

cine residency at the University of Iowa Hospital & Clinics in Iowa City, Iowa.

To find out more about hospice and palliative care services at Mercy Health-Lourdes Hospital, call (270) 415-3636. For more information concerning Bon Secours Mercy Health, including a complete online medical directory, visit mercy.com.

Lourdes is part of Bon Secours Mercy Health, one of the top 20 health systems in the United States and part of the top performing quartile of Catholic health systems for lowest cost per case for patient care. Lourdes' faith-based Mission and Values form the cornerstones of its health care system. These bedrock beliefs unite its physicians, nurses and employees to strive to deliver the highest quality health care possible.



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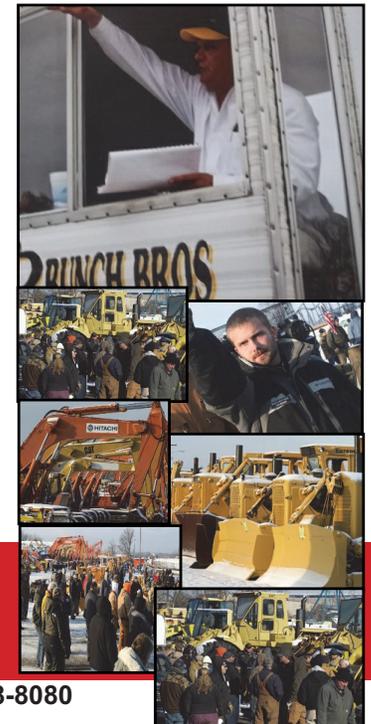
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Paducah Cancer and Blood Center joins Mercy Health

Paducah Cancer & Blood Center has joined Mercy Health-Lourdes Hospital. As part of the partnership, the practice will become Mercy Health – Paducah Medical Oncology and Hematology.

In 1988, William Larry Skinner, M.D., completed his training at MD Anderson Cancer Center and moved to Paducah to join Paducah Cancer

& Blood Center. He was joined at the practice by Wederson Marcos Claudino, M.D., in 2016. Drs. Skinner and Claudino, as well as their staff, will be part of the practice's transition to Mercy Health – Paducah Medical Oncology and Hematology.

“Our entire staff is devoted to providing excellent patient care and is looking forward to being associated with Mercy Health to further enhance services for Western Kentucky through this partnership,” Dr. Skinner said. “Partnering with Mercy Health will augment our current services and provide our region with a unique and unparalleled state-of-the-art and investigative approach to compassionately address the individual needs of each patient. Today’s announcement is the next step in our service to do just that. We were excited to learn of Mercy’s future plans for cancer care and are just as excited to be part of making those plans a reality.”



Drs. Skinner and Claudino, as well as their staff, will be part of the practice’s transition to Mercy Health – Paducah Medical Oncology and Hematology. Photo provided

“Our new partnership with Lourdes and Mercy could not make for a better fit,” Dr. Claudino agreed. “As we discussed the arrangement it became clear to us that we had the same vision for cancer and hematology in our region. The benefits of this merger both today and the near future will be many as we continue providing care throughout the community. Additionally, our patients will be pleased to see the same faces

and to receive the same level of care to which they’ve been accustomed.”

Mercy Health – Paducah Medical Oncology and Hematology is located in suite 301 at 225 Medical Center Drive in Paducah. The phone number for the practice remains unchanged at (270) 441-4343.

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Area business ribbon cuttings

Calvert City Subway welcomes local ownership

The Kentucky Lake Chamber of Commerce in Marshall County was proud to conduct a Ribbon Cutting for the Subway in Calvert City, the newest member of their organization.

New owners Susan and Mark Sullivan believe Calvert City is an area that has growth opportunities and still has a “small-town feel.” The Sullivan’s felt the local Subway would benefit from local ownership and they take pride in being a part of the community by providing a fresh, healthy restaurant option. “We had eaten at Subway in Calvert City numerous times over the years as we traveled to Kentucky Lake.” When it

became available for purchase, they jumped at the chance!

Mark and Susan would like to give a shout out to their manager, Ceci Church and assistant manager, Maddie Smith. Ceci, Maddie and the awesome staff have been working diligently to make Calvert City Subway a great place to eat, so be sure and get by there to check it out.

This Subway is located at 2911 U.S. Highway 62 in Calvert City, just off Exit 27. Their hours are 9:00 am to 10:00 pm Monday thru Saturday and 9:00 am to 9:00 pm on Sundays. They can be contacted directly by calling 270-395-7827 or order online or use Subway app to skip the lines.



Shown (front row, from left) Latricia Dewerling, Deston Reddick, Cecilia Church-Store Manager; (center with scissors) new owner Susan Sullivan, Madeline Smith and Blair Travis with City of Calvert City. They are joined by several fellow Chamber members. Unavailable for photo was owner Mark Sullivan.

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232 Maple street--LaCenter. Located in Ballard County right off Hwy 60. The home has had many updates and has plenty of storage. The home is 2000 sq ft with new plumbing and updated bathroom. Has a living room and family room perfect for family entertainment. The Kitchen opens up to the living room. Has 2 bedrooms and another room could be used as a bedroom but currently used as storage/closet. Has a fenced in back yard perfect for pets. A detached 24x32 garage that is heated and cooled with a full bathroom and office. This cute vinyl sided home has a covered front porch to sit and enjoy the neighborhood. Priced to sell at \$97,500.



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CASA celebrates new location



CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocates, of Calloway and Marshall County, held a ribbon cutting for the Grand Re-Opening of its new home in the old Murray Police Station located at 407 Poplar St. Executive Director Angelia Boyd, board members, volunteers and community members show support to this new location which provides more offices, classrooms and space to better service clients.

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Bon Secours Mercy Health selects Workday to help drive efficiency, innovation

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Bon Secours and Mercy Health, two strong health ministries with compatible missions, came together in September 2018. The combined organization, of which Lourdes is a member, now provides care more than 10 million times annually through its more than 57,000 associates across seven states.

The Mission of Bon Secours Mercy Health is to extend the compassionate ministry of Jesus by improving the health and well-being of its communities and bring good help to those in need, especially people

who are poor, dying and underserved. The combined ministry provides nearly \$2 million a day in community benefit.

A primary goal of joining forces is to operate more efficiently and effectively in fulfilling its Mission. With Workday, Bon Secours Mercy Health will be able to streamline more than 30 separate applications down to one to provide reliable, timely and transparent service to those on the front lines of care delivery.

“Workday will provide a platform for business operations that will help drive greater efficiencies, and provide the agility our combined ministries require,” said Chris Hilton, senior vice president, finance operations for Bon Secours Mercy Health.

Building on its existing deployment of Workday Human Capital Management, the organization will also deploy Workday Learning, Workday Payroll, Workday Prism Analytics, Workday Recruiting, Workday Financial Management and Workday Supply Chain Management.

“When we fully deploy Workday across the ministry, we will be able to attract and retain talent with the help of powerful recruiting tools, rapid onboarding, and performance and talent management,” said Joe Gage, Bon Secours Mercy Health chief human resources officer.

“Workday will help us better develop teams, measure talent utilization and cultivate employee skills to better serve the needs of leaders, caregivers and patients.

Additionally, Workday will help Bon Secours Mercy Health improve employee engagement and increase efficiencies by providing:

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Credit Union gives UofL athletics \$2 million

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — L&N Federal Credit Union has donated \$2 million toward Louisville's athletic department, which has renamed Cardinal Arena for the nonprofit financial institution.

The school says in a news release that the gift announced on Thursday will go toward its Next Step Fund to improve the student-athlete experience and capital projects. Athletics director Vince Tyra thanked L&N for its financial support and added that the company's mission and values closely align with the school in “creating a terrific student-athlete experience at UofL.”

The 1,100-seat L&N Federal Credit Union Arena, connected to the university's Swain Student Activities Center, houses the Cardinals' volleyball competition and training facilities and offices.

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