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Kenny Squires works on aircraft weaponry as part of his Air Force role. But the Campbellsville High graduate also hit the heights in Thunder Over Louisville.

Squires flies at Thunder over Louisville

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Many young men and women have heeded the attraction of the skies above.

For Kenny Squires it began on Sept. 11, 2001.

"I was in school at the University of Kentucky when it happened," Squires said. "And after that, I knew I wanted to enlist."

Squires, a 2004 Campbellsville High School graduate, had a revered military career in the U.S. Air Force.

From active duty to a stint in the reserves and now, back to active duty, Squires is director of operations at the Operational Support Squadron.

And for a native Kentuckian, he enjoys displaying his skills high above the state's largest city in a showcase attraction.

Since his return to active duty, Squires has had the opportunity to fly in one of the largest fireworks and

aircraft shows in the nation: Thunder Over Louisville.

"The first time I participated in Thunder Over Louisville was back in 2018, the last time the B-52 was here, I was on that crew as well," he said. "We did three passes this year in a 15-minute block: one of the high-speed, a low and slow pass with the gear and flaps down, and then the third was another high-speed pass with the bomb bay doors open."

Squires said his favorite is always the high-speed pass, with the throttles up and smoke blasting out.

"It's the crowd pleaser."

Meaningful to him as a Kentuckian, Squires never passes up a chance to volunteer for Thunder.

"For one, I think it's a great way for us to show taxpayers where their money goes," Squires said. "I also think it's a really good way for us to recruit for not only the military, but for aviation in general. There's a big pilot shortage

out there, so if some kid on the bank of the river saw us flying by and wanted to be a pilot, I think that's a win."

Prior to enlistment, Squires dreamed of pursuing computer science, skills that would prove necessary in his career.

"I chose the Air Force because it seemed like the most high-tech branch," Squires explained. "I had applied to be aircrew, what we call rated officers, so I had to go through a medical evaluation, and lots of tests on hearing and vision and was medically qualified."

Having been selected out of his class by military board members to pursue navigator school, Squires jumped at the opportunity.

"I literally had a day to decide, but a month or two later, I went to San Antonio, Texas, Randolph Air Force Base for combat system officer school and that's where I started my flight training."

Buffalo Lake Trail project officially underway

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Even though work already has started, shovels set the stage Thursday to signify the start of the several phase Buffalo Lake Trail project in downtown Elizabethtown.

The trail project, an Elizabethtown Tourism and Convention Bureau effort with a blessing from the city, has been part of the group's plans for about 10 years, Executive Director Janna Clark said at the groundbreaking ceremony.

"This project has stood the test of time," Clark said of the trail that when complete will connect the city's downtown to Commerce Drive, off North Mulberry Street, at the opposite end of Buffalo Lake.

The first phase, designed by Taylor, Siefker, Williams Design Group, features paved 10- to 12-foot multi-use paths, two new iron bridges over Valley Creek and Buffalo Creek, benches and other large informal seating with large limestone blocks. The project, which will tie into the Greenbelt Trail system, was bid at \$5.2 million.

With lighting not part of the original bid, a change order has been placed to allow for the installation of conduit for future lighting.

Previously, Clark asked the city council and the tourism commission about adding lighting to the project, with all agreeing it would be a needed addition.

With construction underway by Phillips Brothers Construction, the current trails and Buffalo Lake remains open, but Clark warned users to be cognizant of the work.

"There are people popping out of Buffalo Lake Trail," Clark said. "It's a beautiful place to be and explore, but we're trying to remind our residents to just be mindful of the equipment that's going on and keep your distance and stay safe. We want the work to



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Members of the Elizabethtown Tourism Commission, joined by other dignitaries, breaks ground Thursday on a \$5.2 million Buffalo Lake Trail project in the city's downtown.

continue so that this time next year, it will be a beautiful amenity that we can enjoy for our community and our visitors."

Project Manager Brandon Phillips, with the construction company, said his company was proud to be a part of this community project meant to "bring everyone together."

"We're looking forward to kind of keep on moving along," Phillips said. "We've actually already done quite a bit of work."

Demolition of certain areas is underway and fill dirt has been brought in starting "to change this landscape drastically," Phillips said.

"Everything about the project is going to be great," Phillips said, thanking the architects, engineers, city staff and his employees to include co-project manager Melvin Cruz. "It's going to look great."

Calling the area the "final frontier" of the city, Elizabethtown Mayor Jeff Gregory said

"It's great to be in a community where leadership, whether it be the tourism commission, the city council, whether it be tourism (administration), state legislators, anywhere that you look, you have collaboration," Gregory said. "When you have collaboration, on all fronts, you have good things happen."

Part of that collaboration includes work the city has paid for through a \$150,000

Community Development Block Grant which paid for 530 feet on the concrete trail pathway.

At the Haycraft Trailhead at East Dixie Avenue in downtown, the city also has purchased a vacant building in which the design plan will incorporate to provide an urban plaza featuring modern seating and outdoor games such as cornhole on synthetic turf.

The city has yet to determine the use of the building, which sits on the south side of the railroad tracks that runs the entirety of the tracks.

Gregory said the project is helping the area reach its potential as the city previously has announced its intent to build an outdoor music venue and, recently, the U.S. 62 corridor at Commerce Drive and Interstate 65 has been included in the

state's biennium road plan.

The work for U.S. 62, or North Mulberry Street, includes \$4.4 million for right of way and utility work to reconfigure its interchange at I-65, and \$1.5 million for design work to improve safety, mobility and geometrics from the interchange to Upper Colesburg Road.

It also includes design work and right of way purchase to the tune of \$2.74 million to extend Commerce Drive from Springfield Road to U.S. 31W and Ky. 1136, or New Glendale Road, on Elizabethtown's south side.

Elizabethtown City Administrator Ed Poppe said the planned road work, which likely will be set for construction in the state's next biennium in 2026 to 2028, will delay consequential phases of the Buffalo Trail project.

Poppe said designers for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet projects are working with the city to mimic the aesthetic of the project.

After the official turning of dirt, Clark said the area will turn into a "construction beehive."

"We want the trail to look like an amenity," Clark said. "We want to embrace the natural beauty."

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Daviess County Fiscal Court

During its meeting Thursday at the Daviess County Courthouse, Daviess Fiscal Court took the following actions:

- Approved minutes of the April 11, 2024, Daviess County Fiscal court meeting

- Approved minutes of the April 17, 2024, Daviess County Fiscal Court special called meeting

- Approved resolution 07-2024: Transportation of non-public school students

- Approved resolution 08-2024: Designation of Applicant's Agent

- Approved second reading of KOC A.104.02 (2024) 04-2024 — Budget Amendment No. 2

- Approved second reading of KOC 921.683 (2024) 03-2024 — An Ordinance Amending a Zoning Classification Set Forth in the County Zoning Ordinance of Feb. 5, 2004

- Approved release of surety — 6419 Ridge Brook Cove — sidewalks — public improvement surety

- Approved accepting proposal of Ted Lolley & Associates, LLC for Engineering Services at the Grimes Avenue Transfer Station

- Approved awarding Bid No. 2324-61: bulk delivered fuel (annual)

- Approved awarding Bid No. 2324-62: fire repair

- Approved awarding Bid No. 2324-63: recycling services (annual)

- Approved awarding Bid No. 2324-64: Buildings 3 & 4 roof replacement (Detention Center)

- Approved awarding RFP No. 05-2324: Solid Waste Operations/Waste Transportation (Solid Waste)

- Approved renewing purchase agreement with Aramark Uniform Services

- Approved accepting renewal of City Bid No. 4230: bulk sodium chloride (rock salt)

- Approved appointing Tony Clark (Gail Niehaus SIT) to the Assessment Appeals Board (PVA) (3-year term) effective May 4, 2024 through May 3, 2027

- Approved hiring William Mullen as a building and grounds technician effective 4/29/2024

- Approved hiring Duncan Cain as a service technician effective 5/6/2024

- Approved hiring Anna Krampe as senior staff accountant effective 6/4/2024

- Approved promoting Aaron Rafferty to solid waste heavy equipment operator effective 4/28/2024

POLICE REPORTS

The following list was compiled from reports to area law enforcement agencies:

Owensboro

Police Department

- Almarrow Talbott, 20, of the 2000 block of West 10th Street, was charged Thursday with first-degree strangulation.

- Clinton A. Hernandez-Reynoso, 19, of the 1800 block of West Fifth Street, was charged Thursday for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol and possession of an open alcoholic beverage

container in a motor vehicle.

- A new engine for a 2004 Dodge truck, valued at \$9,126.86, was stolen Tuesday in the 3900 block of Frederica Street.

Kentucky State Police

- Mason S. Mattingly, 21, of the 5400 block of Kentucky Highway 142 in Philpot, was charged Thursday with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol and possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle.

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"I've had requests to stock body jewelry and I'm going to sell some of my homemade crafts, like cups and tumblers, too," she said.

The couple is also considering using the space to offer retail sales of adult novelty products.

"We're just really trying to do something fun and bring something new and different to Owensboro," Logsdon said. "Danny already had the space, so we thought, 'Why not?'"

Logsdon said that she's shopped at Goodwill and TEMU for costumes and props for the photos, and she's been able to stock the shop's wardrobe with outfits that range in size from newborn to 6X.

She's also invested in the capability to print the portraits at the shop to provide convenience to customers.

"Right now, I've set prices at \$20 for two 8X10 prints and \$10 for additional copies or a flat session fee of \$50 for so many photos that they can print themselves," Logsdon explained.

She's also interested in setting up a booth at events and festivals, such as BBQ & Barrels, to offer on-the-spot photos and crafts to the community.

"We'd just get a traveling wardrobe and stock with it some of our costumes and set up at festivals and see how it goes," she said.

Additional information about Old Time Photos & Oddities, along with announcements about walk-in hours and more, can be found on the shop's Facebook page of the same name or by contacting Logsdon at 270-315-9351.

"I can't wait to have families in here having a fun experience making memories and taking pictures," she said.

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