

Around Town

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AROUND THE COUNTY

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

- Grant County Conservation District, USDA Service Center, 486 Helton St, Williamstown at 6:30 p.m. Contact (859) 823-2291 for more information.

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

- Williamstown Senior Center, 400 North Main Street Williamstown, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call Cindy Ray at (859) 824-6415.

MONDAY, APRIL 7

- Williamstown City Council, at the City Building 400 North Main Street at 6 p.m. Contact the City Office at (859) 824-3633 for information.
- Williamstown Senior Center, 400 North Main Street, Williamstown, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, contact Cindy Ray at (859) 824-6415.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

- Williamstown Board of Education, 300 Helton Street, Williamstown at 6 p.m. For more information, contact the Office at (859) 824-7144.
- Grant County Republican Party, Williamstown City Building, 400 North Main Street, Williamstown at 7 p.m. For more information contact Eldon Maddox at (859) 946-5029

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

- Grant County Joint Local Industrial Development Authority, 1350 North Main, Williamstown at 8:30 a.m. For more information, contact Jamie Baker at (859) 393-8390.
- Grant County Special Ambulance Taxing District, Old Courthouse 101 North Main Street at 6 p.m. Contact the Fiscal Court Office at (859) 823-7561 (or Tony Morgan, (859) 992-7081) for more information.
- Grant County Tourist and Convention Commission, 1350 North Main Street, Williamstown at 5 p.m. For more information, contact Jamie Baker at (859) 393-8390.
- Williamstown Kiwanis, Edwardo's, 1402 North Main Street, Williamstown at noon. For more information, contact WilliamstownKyKiwanisClub@Gmail.com
- Williamstown Senior Center, 400 North Main Street, Williamstown 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, contact Cindy Ray at (859) 824-6415.

PLEAS FROM THE POUND



SNOWFLAKE

Sometimes pups tell their life story in body language. Snowflake, an 11-month-old shepherd mix, tries to sink into the floor, hoping no one notices her. She's afraid to raise her pretty head or even her little ears. Someone persuaded Snowflake that she was bad, just for taking up space.

The likely culprit was the one who drove into the shelter with Snowflake caged in his truck bed. He wanted Snowflake gone. When the staff explained, to this out-of-county visitor, that the tax-funded shelter takes only Grant County animals, the man's truck threw gravel, accelerating through the gate.

But, during the humans' conversation, intelligent Snowflake manipulated her cage open. Desperate not to return where she'd been, Snowflake leaped from the speeding truck, into the shelter's care.



ANNE

Anne, an 11-month-old dilute Torti, who now wears an exquisite silver, orange and white silky coat, has spent her life trying to please. As her tiny body felt worse, that became much harder. Fleas were, literally, eating her, making her fur disappear. And Anne was mortified by the diarrhea she couldn't control.

Her people could have taken their sweet, suffering cat to the vet. They chose to leave her at the shelter. For Anne, that was a blessing, maybe a life-saving one. With flea treatment and decent cat food, sprinkled with a probiotic, Anne transformed.

Anne is a healthy, happy, beautiful lady with the strength to be loving, playful and cuddly. Anne is back to being the cat that she always wanted and tried to be.



ARIES

Once upon a time, someone loved six-month-old Aries. Otherwise, the Pomeranian — Papillon puppy wouldn't have scampered trustingly up to members of the congregation. Aries' person left him outside a church. Maybe the one Aries loved reasoned that kind people would be there. Still, it was a very bad idea. Those kind people arrived in vehicles.

Aries is little and unafraid. He knew nothing about dodging cars. He's also full of energy. He ran, bouncing, speeding in every direction. Luckily, Aries was in a good place for miracles. Miraculously, the puppy survived until he made it to the shelter.

Now Aries, who loves everyone, needs a happily-ever-after, protected life. Aries needs someone who recognizes that this prince's body isn't as large as his heroic, confident heart.



MOLLIE

Thanks to little Mollie, a pretty, dilute calico, the shelter's cat quarters are a peaceable kingdom. Sometimes cats arrive with cattitude. Some have had to survive on their own, fighting for food and space. All that faced Mollie, but, through it all, she stayed sweet; sweet to people, sweet to other cats, able to soothe other cat room residents.

And, because Mollie was sweet and trusting, when she was wandering, people noticed her. They scooped Mollie up and delivered her to the shelter, saying that they thought she was expecting kittens, something the neighborhood, understandably, dreaded.

Mollie wasn't pregnant and now she never will be. The spayed, vaccinated, gentle, young lady is ready to use her stored-up love for the lucky people who adopt her.



SCARLETT

If the shelter staff had been there, they could have told the puppy, who tried so hard to please her person, that she would fail. Scarlett's owner is what the staff described as "a repeat offender." The person brings animal after animal to the shelter. The poor little ones can never make that person love them enough to keep them.

Yet Scarlett, whose sad, adorable face is mostly huge, soulful, dark eyes and giant ears, is a puppy who most people couldn't resist loving. If Scarlett's face weren't enough to capture a heart, her sweet, apologetic, pleading demeanor would do it.

The shelter staff, who know Scarlett and her background, are glad to have this puppy. They want her plea for love to be rewarded.

SHELTER ACCEPTANCE POLICY

The shelter is currently open to the public with some restrictions. We are asking the public to please call before coming to the shelter as we are doing business by appointment. If you need to surrender a pet or are interested in meeting a pet that is available

for adoption, please call in advance and we will make an appointment. We are also asking that if you'd like to make donations or volunteer, to please call in advance as well so that we may make arrangements accordingly. Thank you for your continued support to the shelter and our

homeless pets. You may contact us by email animalshelter@grantco.org or by calling 859-824-9403.

Editor's Note: Stories/photos of pets are submitted by shelter volunteers and not written by Grant County News staff.

P&Z commission considers site plans for the county

BY DEBORAH LUCAS ANGEL
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

With two zoning map amendments on the agenda, Chair Marlon Kinsey called the March 24 meeting of the Grant County Planning Commission to order.

Tom Leach addressed the Commission concerning zone change from A1 to R1 for one acre on the Sheppard property on Elliston Zion Station Road. There is an existing house on the property; the owners wish to sell and build a new house.

The motion to approve was unanimous. Similar to the Sheppard request, the Shipp request concerned a parcel on Dry Ridge Mt.

Zion Road to be changed from A1 to R1. Scott Simpson told the Commission the request concerns a one acre plot for building.

The motion to approve was unanimous.

FEBRUARY 24 MEETING

According to the minutes from the February 24 meeting, two items were covered:

- The site plan for the Hampton Inn Lobby in Dry Ridge included an addition with "a new curb cut and a shared entrance with the Home2Suites." The plan approved by Erpenbeck indicated no "construction is to begin until a final approval letter is issued" by Erpenbeck.

- Willoughby Map Amendment, Case Lane. During public hearing, "Scott Simpson, engineer for the applicant stated that the request was to rezone the (three) acres to Rural Residential. He said that there was a total of 10 acres, the house and (seven) acres would be a parcel and this (three) acres would be a parcel." It was approved unanimously.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, April 28, at 7 p.m. at the Courthouse, 101 North Main Street Williamstown. For more information on this meeting, call Becky Ruholl at (859) 250-3753.

Rail crossing repair scheduled for April

BY KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET • DISTRICT 6

CSX Transportation has scheduled railroad crossing repairs the week of April 8 at the Elliston-Mt. Zion Road (KY 1942) crossing between the 1.9 and 2.2 mile points. These repairs will require temporary closures for approximately two to four days.

Work is scheduled to take place Tuesday through Friday, though dates are subject to change due to weather and other unforeseen factors.

Signed detours will be in place at all locations, and message boards will be posted at most sites to provide advance notice of closures and expected timeframes. Any questions about the crossing repairs should be directed toward CSX Transportation.

The date, time, and duration of work may be adjusted if inclement weather or other unforeseen delays occur.

Big day at Grant County Park planned for April 12

On Saturday, April 12. Grant County Parks and Recreation will be hosting two big events at Grant County Park.

The fun begins with a pair of Easter egg hunts, at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

There are egg hunts for three age groups at each time slot: 1-3 years; 4-6 years; and 7-10 years. Participants are asked to choose one hunt.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the park will also be celebrating opening day for Grant County Little League.

The festival will take place in the middle of the park, starting in the vicinity of the stage.

Community Coordinator Chris Alstott said there will be three food trucks (food, coffee and dessert), 40 craft vendors and a kids zone with inflatables.

Absent Dawn will be onstage providing live music.

The Opening Day Parade will take place at noon and will include both the Cincinnati Reds' and the Florence Y'alls' mascots.

The events will take place rain or shine but will be cancelled if the weather is severe. There is no rain out date.

Grant County Park is located at 144 South Main Street in Crittenden.

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