



• The Murray Planning Commission will meet at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14, at City Hall. There are no public hearing items. A non-public hearing item is a recommendation to accept Deerfield Run - Deerfield Estates Phase III into the city's regular street maintenance schedule.

• The Murray Board of Zoning Adjustments will meet at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, at City Hall. The public hearing items includes a dimensional variance request to allow an additional eight square feet of manual changeable copy sign allowing the manual changeable copy sign to be 60% of the total freestanding area. Applicant - Murray-Calloway County Need Line.

• To report a Town Crier item, please phone 270-753-1916 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

## ■ Beshear

### From front

his name regularly came up as her potential running mate, though she ultimately selected Gov. Tim Walz of Minnesota.

The Trump administration is currently carrying out an aggressive immigration enforcement operation in Chicago, one that has sparked protests at an Immigration and Customs Enforcement building there.

In a Wednesday social media post, Trump called for Pritzker and Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson to be jailed for their opposition to his actions in the city.

Pritzker responded by calling Trump a "coward," according to Chicago's WGN9.

"He says a lot of things to the camera, he likes to pretend to be a tough guy. Come and get me. Come and get me," he said.

Beshear, in a social media post, said he stood with Pritzker and called Trump's threat "unacceptable."

As of Thursday, a small number of National Guard troops had started protect-

ing federal property in Chicago, as well as assisting law enforcement in Memphis, Tenn., The Associated Press reported.

According to The Associated Press, 200 Texas National Guard troops were working in the Chicago area. The deployment has prompted multiple court challenges.

"This is not who we are," Beshear said of the deployment Thursday. "We don't militarize our communities. It's one of the tenets of our very founding," as a country, he said.

The deployment has divided Democratic and Republican governors, including between Pritzker and Republican Gov. Greg Abbott of Texas, who have traded insults and barbs. Beshear joined those voices Thursday, opposing the actions of the president and the defense secretary.

"What Donald Trump and Pete Hegseth are doing are wrong. It is un-American, and every governor should be standing up against it," Beshear said.

(By Aaron Mudd, Lexington Herald-Leader) ■

### Special to the Ledger

**PADUCAH** – A Murray resident was among the honorees recognized recently when the Four Rivers Society for Human Resource Management (FRSHRM) announced the recipients of its 2025 Awards of Excellence during the annual HR Celebration.

The awards ceremony, held Sept. 24 in Paducah, recognized outstanding professionals who demonstrate exceptional leadership, innovation, and service in the human resources field. They included:

- Professional of the Year Award: Mary Anne Medlock, business services liaison for the West Kentucky Workforce Board. A Murray resident, Medlock was recognized for her dedication to strengthening employer engagement and workforce solutions across the region.

- Rookie of the Year Award: Bo Vanderburg, talent acquisition and development manager for Graceland Portable Buildings. Vanderburg has quickly distinguished himself as a rising leader in HR, bringing fresh energy and innovative strategies to talent development.

- Lifetime Achievement Award: Jill Hobbs, founder and president of HR Consulting Solutions. Jill received this honor for her decades-long commitment to advancing the HR profession and supporting countless organizations and professionals throughout her career.

- President's Service Award: Melissa Yates, chief legal officer/chief

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## Murray's Medlock included among Four Rivers SHRM 2025 award winners



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The recipients of the Four Rivers Society for Human Resource Management's 2025 Awards of Excellence were, pictured from left, Melissa Yates, BFW Marcum; Mary Anne Medlock of Murray, West KY Workforce Board; Bo Vanderburg, Graceland Portable Buildings; and Jill Hobbs, HR Consulting Solutions.

people officer for BFW Marcum and current Chapter President of Four Rivers SHRM. Under Melissa's leadership, the chapter has grown to 116 members and expanded programming that supports HR professionals and their organizations.

"These award winners exemplify the strength and excellence of the HR profession in our region," said Chapter President Melissa Yates. "Their leadership and commitment not only strengthen our workplaces but also contribute to the economic and community vitality of Western Kentucky and Southern Illinois."

The Chapter also recognized Nicki Stewart with Kentucky VALOR with the Heart of HR Award for

her work helps veterans capitalize on their military experience to meet career goals and find a fulfilling post-service career in Kentucky. The Four Rivers SHRM chapter congratulates all honorees for their well-deserved recognition and thanks them for their ongoing contributions to the HR community.

Yates awarded Allen Waddell, chief human resources officer at CFSB, the President Award for his work as Chapter Treasurer. Waddell has served on the FRSHRM Board of Directors in multiple roles for five years, including Chapter President in 2022.

The Four Rivers Society for Human Resource Management is a professional organization dedicated to advancing the HR

profession and serving the HR community in Western Kentucky. With more than 100 members, the chapter provides professional development, networking, and resources to strengthen the impact of HR in the workplace. In 2023, the Chapter was recognized as an Excel Platinum Chapter by the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM). This led to the Chapter receiving SHRM's highest honor, the 2024 Pinnacle Award, which is only given to the top 12 chapters across the nation. The Chapter was recognized earlier this year with another Excel Platinum status, making the Chapter eligible for SHRM's Pinnacle Award once again. ■



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