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City officials have some zoning suggestions

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SHEPHERDSVILLE – City officials have some ideas that they would like to convey to the Bullitt County Joint Planning Commission.

At its recent meeting, two major topics of conversation were discussed to deal with the future land use in Shepherdsville.

First, city attorney Katherine Dozier said that a definition of transitional housing might be needed for the county regulations.

It comes at a time when the county has secured a vendor to re-write its zoning regulations.

While there are federal standards which prohibit discrimination for

housing options, Dozier said there could be a need for the transitional operations which are becoming more common.

She said it is needed to provide the health and safety of the community.

The definition for transitional housing would be “a residential facility providing temporary or intermediate-term housing for individuals or families transitioning from homelessness, institutional care not including incarceration, or recovery programs. Transitional housing may include supportive services such as counseling, case management or life skills training. It is considered residential in nature and distinct from boarding houses,

tourist camps, shelters or institutional care facilities.”

The transitional housing could be acceptable in and of the four residential zoning classifications only.

Besides the definition, there were other requirements listed in the proposed text amendment. Those included:

- *all bedrooms and sleeping areas shall meet the current occupancy limitations required in any applicable building, fire or life safety code.
- *shall be a temporary housing arrangement for its residents, with stays generally ranging from 6-14 months. This is to provide a transition back into permanent housing.
- *facilities should include adequate

supervision to ensure the safety, welfare and orderly operation of the residence. Supervision should be defined as the presence of a designated staff member, manager or responsible party who is available on-site or on-call during operating hours. The level of supervision shall be proportionate to the number of residents and the nature of the services provided.

*Non-residential uses and services that are not accessory to the transitional housing use shall not be carried out unless otherwise permitted and approved as a separate use. Transitional housing that serves as recovery housing should follow best practice industry standards and operational rules, such as the

National Alliance for Recovery Residence (NARR) standards.

- *shall meet the health, sanitation, structural, property maintenance, fire, and life safety requirements of any currently applicable federal, state or local laws.
- *maximum density for transitional housing facilities constructed as dwelling units shall be the maximum density of the applicable zoning district.
- *any building shall remain or shall be constructed so that the exterior design and ornamentation is residential in character and compatible with other residential architecture in the immediate neighborhood so

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Conn surrounded by family and friends on his return to Louisville.

Former Hillview official receives Honor Flight

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HILLVIEW — David Conn took what became the most important flight of his life.

Conn and his daughter, Tammy Smith, participated in the Honor Flight Network, a program that transports military veterans to Washington, DC, as a way to honor and celebrate their services to the country.

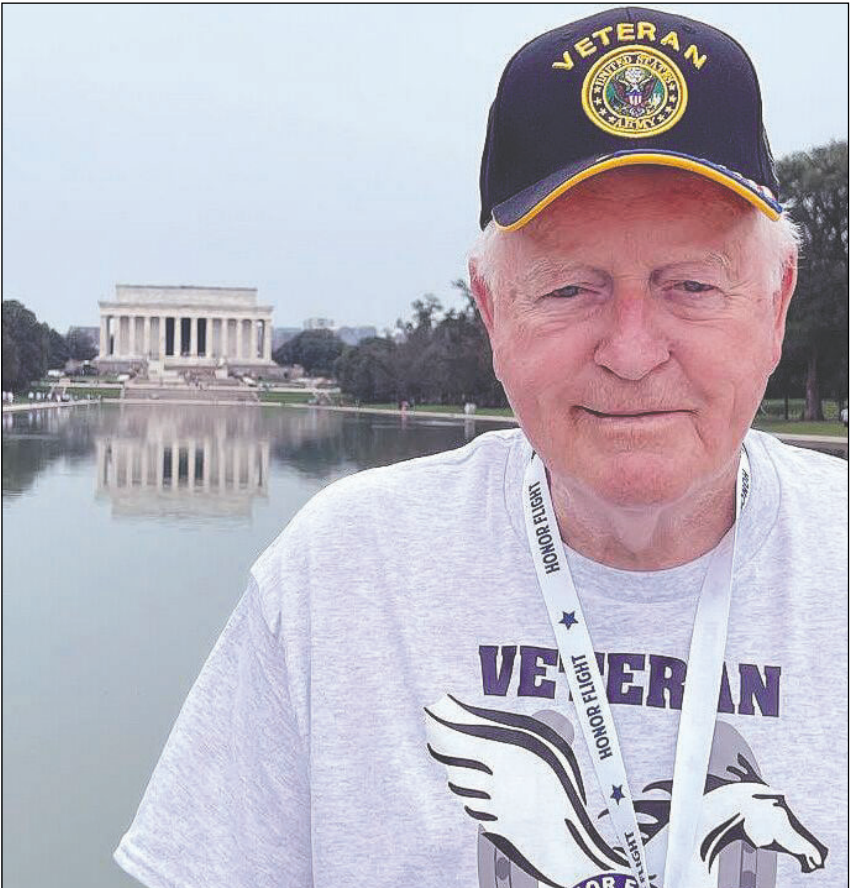
The flight was a life-changing event Conn and Smith will always remember and they were both very pleased to participate.

A native of Printer, Ky., in Floyd County, Conn eventually moved to Bullitt County because he had a sister here. It's where he lived when he entered the United States Army in 1962 and where he has resided and raised his family since. He previously served as a Hillview City Council member.

Conn completed basic training at Ft. Knox, then traveled to Ft. Dix in New Jersey before heading overseas. He was stationed in Germany for three years, then participated in the Reserves for another six, leaving the military as an E-4 Specialist.

The local veteran first received a call from Honor Flight last year inviting him to participate. He applied and asked Smith to serve as his official guardian for the trip (each veteran has a guardian join and assist them for the day).

The pair had a couple months to prepare for the journey, with Smith participating in guardian applications and training.



David Conn visited Washington, DC, as a veteran and member of the Honor Flight program.

“Some people volunteer to do it and they don't know their veteran,” Smith said of the training.

Smith prepared snacks and medications for two days, plus items in case of inclement weather. They arrived at the Muhammed Ali International

Airport in Louisville at 5:30 am for the 7:45 am flight, reaching the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport at 9 am.

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Options Unlimited gala fundraiser celebrates 40 successful years

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SHEPHERDSVILLE — For 40 years Options Unlimited has successfully provided opportunities to individuals with various forms of disabilities.

In the past five years Options provided employment-related services to 1,250 individuals, including 485 finding competitive integrated employment. A total of 750 have participated in a training program through UPS, with over 300 actively working for the company. Also, an Adult Day program assists 23 individuals with focusing on independent living skills.

According to Options executive director Brian Stinnett, this year's second annual Options & Opportunities Gala serves two purposes, one to acknowledge all of the organization's success.

“This is our celebration night to make everyone aware of what's going in,” said Stinnett. “We will present our staff and out community partners, and there will be a video playing that promotes the program.”

The second purpose for this year's gala focuses on fundraising efforts. According to Stinnett, unknowns surrounding the federal government shutdown means various financial constraints.

“Our current people are okay, but we may not be able to take on new individuals,” he said. “We're also hoping to develop a scholarship fund, one that is not state nor federally funded.”

Stinnett assured that all monies raised by the gala will be put to good use. As a result, Options does its best to provide a quality event for its guests, including the return of area singer J.D. Shellburne as the night's entertainment.

This year's event takes place at Paroquet Springs Conference Centre, with a dinner buffet consisting of pork loin, fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad and rolls. A cash bar will also be available

throughout the evening.

Raffles and silent auctions will be available throughout the evening. Various select brands of bourbon and wine will be up for bid, as well as a signed photo of University of Kentucky Men's Basketball coach Mark Pope and a ball signed by University of Louisville men's head coach Pat Kelsey.

Stinnett said another big item was donated by James Watkins, who created a hand-made wooden American Flag, with all proceeds benefiting Options and its programs.

Options will recognize an award-winning client during the event: Gracie Latkovski has worked with the Shepherdsville Mayor's Office for the past year, earning the position with assistance from the Options employment program.

A fun night of dining, dancing, music and auctions will be intertwined with an emphasis on Bullitt County's disabled community, who greatly benefit from the programs offered by Options.

“We have been here for 40 years in Bullitt County,” Stinnett said. “We're doing good work or we wouldn't have lasted this long. With the disabled community... If you don't have someone in your life, you don't pay much attention to it. I'd love to have that change.”

The second annual Option & Opportunities Gala benefiting Options Unlimited will take place Saturday, Nov. 1, 6-10 pm. Guests must be age 21 and over to attend.

Individual tickets are \$75, but using the code “EARLYBIRD50” will save \$25. To purchase tickets visit optionsunlimitedinc.org/events/gala/ or givebutter.com/c/optionsgala25.

Corporate and community partner opportunities are also available and donations are accepted.

For more information on Options Unlimited programs, or to seek potential employees, call (502)955-7211 or visit optionsunlimitedinc.org.

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