

CALVERT CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT ARRESTS

CALVERT CITY — On March 25, 2025 an officer took a call from a concerned parent regarding a small yellow car passing a school bus while it was picking up her child. The caller advised that she nor her child were injured, but it was very close. Her child got on the bus, and she got into her vehicle and followed the car. The vehicle had pulled over and the caller was able to speak to the operator. The driver indicated that the sun was in her eyes, and she did not see the bus. With the information from the caller, the officer was able to obtain videos from area businesses and from the school bus. Officers were familiar with a previous owner of the vehicle. Contact was made with the previous owner and through further investigation the current owner was located. The officer spoke to the owner who immediately advised that she knew she messed up and admitted to what was previously reported. The officer filed a criminal complaint and a warrant was issued. On April 09, 2025 Meghan R. Belcher, 31, of 401 Walter Jetton Boulevard, #3204, Paducah turned herself into the Marshall County Sheriff's Office. She was served a warrant for wanton endangerment 1st degree and lodged at the Marshall County Detention Center. The Calvert City Police Department would like to thank the Marshall County Sheriff's Office, Marshall County School System, area businesses and all

others who assisted with this incident. On April 12, 2025 an officer received a phone call from Waffle House about a man passed out in his vehicle in their parking lot. The caller advised that the vehicle has been there for 30 minutes to an hour. The officer responded and located the vehicle in question. As the officer exited his cruiser he could hear and smell the exhaust from the vehicle and observed the headlights and taillights were on. Upon approach the officer could see the operator of the vehicle was slumped over and appeared to be asleep or passed out. The officer could tell he was breathing. The officer observed an open Michelob Ultra beer bottle in the cup holder next to the operator. The operator woke up and got out of the vehicle to speak with the officer. During the investigation more beer and prescription medication was found. Austin Blake Gipson, age 28, of 1122 Jefferson Street, Paducah was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol 1st offense and possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle. He was lodged at the Marshall County Detention Center. The Calvert City Police Department would like to thank the Marshall County Sheriff's Office for their assistance.

Marshall County Republican Women Focus Program



Photo provided For their March Community Focus Program, the Marshall County Republican Women welcomed Abba Reach Ministries to their monthly meeting. The representatives, Tracy Hugenroth and Christy Hilton, informed the Club of their work with women and children in our community. After lunch, they were showered with items to fill blessing bags like toothbrushes, snacks and emergency blankets. To find out more about this ministry and how you can help, visit their website: [http://www.abbareach-ministries.com]. Pictured from left to right: Tracy Hugenroth and Christy Hilton.



GRACE BOATRIGHT JACHIM | Tribune-Courier Hardin City Council meets the second Monday of each month at 6 p.m.

Hardin discusses farmers market and water concerns

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Hardin City Council began their April 14 meeting with a citizen bringing a concern about an exceedingly high water bill. Madonna Elkins said the bill was in excess of \$600, when her monthly bill is usually much lower. She also received a notice that she may have a water leak, and has since begun working to have it repaired. She requested the sewage rate be deducted from the bill. Mayor Hank Rogalinski viewed the bill and made a copy after making some notes on it. He said he would address the issue with the city clerk the following morning. The council then discussed the potential to begin a farmer's market, and expressly stated that it would be for "handmade and homemade" items, with no tolerance for people vending yard sale type items. However, he did express interest in establishing a city-wide yard sale in the future. Rogalinski said he would place a sign in the field near City Hall advertising a farmers market from 7 a.m. until noon each Saturday, and that it could begin immediately. Rogalinski did say that if vendors wanted to stay after noon he would not "run them off." Rogalinski also shared that he felt confident the city would receive a grant for a stage. The meeting then turned to the discussion of maintaining the city lawn mowing. It was discussed in a previous meeting that council member Gary Freeman was currently maintaining the park. During the April meeting, Freeman said he would not be giving a bid for the new year. From

there it was determined that the city maintenance employees and Rogalinski would handle the maintenance. The council then discussed possibly adjusting the ordinance regarding the city utility bills and the grace period allowed before the shutoff list is generated. Rogalinski read a letter stating that the current 10 day grace period has caused confusion because it falls so closely to the date at which the meters are read for the next month that customers often see two bills, the penalty, and a reconnection fee in their online payment portal. Rogalinski shared the structure used by the city of Benton, which is a five day grace period. The council voted in favor of the adjustment. Rogalinski also shared that the agreement with the sheriff's office for patrols within the city will begin on May 1. The department will patrol for 12 and a half hours per month. The council needed to determine which day of the week they would most like the extra patrols to happen. Freeman shared that he believed the schedule should not be consistent, because he believed people would notice a consistent time. Though the council was in agreement that the patrols were all needed at night rather than during the day. Rogalinski then suggested the council establish an hour and a half window of time, where the department could select different days. He suggested "anytime after midnight" or something similarly broad. City Attorney Mabry Green suggested asking the sheriff's office if they have a report about what time crimes are most prevalent in the area, and using

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Fiscal Court discusses flooding and approves new projects

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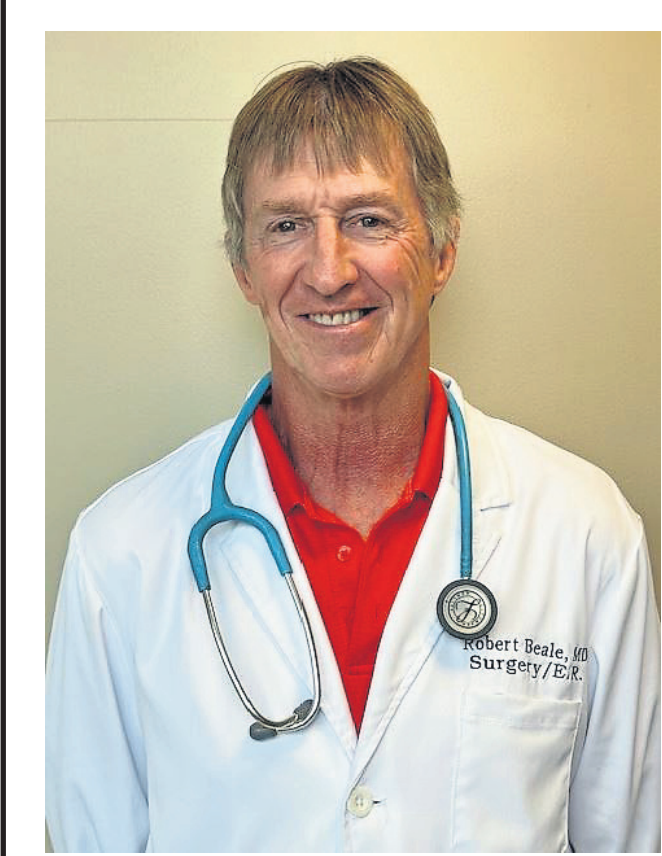
Marshall County Judge/Executive Kevin Spraggs took a moment out of the April 15 Fiscal Court meeting to acknowledge the county employees and volunteers that worked to fill sandbags, repair roads, and maintain the county during the early April flooding. "As we all know, we had a record rainfall of all time, 16 inches here," said Spraggs. "Our judicial building, we had to man

a pump there for 24 hours a day to keep that from flooding, a gas powered external pump. Our road department really stepped up on all these repairs and got our roads open quickly." Spraggs also thanked Deputy Judge/Executive Andy Pagel for his willingness to fill in where needed, as well as the inmates, county employees, and volunteers that came together to contribute to the county's sandbag project. "Our sandbagging operation, that was put together in about

an hour and a half on Tuesday morning," said Spraggs. "It started at 10 [a.m.] The first couple days consisted of inmates. We had parks staff involved, maintenance involved, volunteers, men, women, and children. We put 17,242 bags out that gate, one shovel at a time, in five and a half days." Spraggs said he intended to have a slideshow prepared to discuss the flooding efforts in more detail at the next court meeting. The court also read a proclamation declaring April 13

through April 19 to be National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, honoring 911 dispatchers and the work they do. The court also approved a memorandum of agreement with the City of Benton to cover the paving of Phillips Road. The road is partially in city maintenance and partially in county maintenance. The agreement allows the full road to be paved at once, with the city of Benton agreeing to reimburse the county for the portion in city maintenance. The court also approved the

advertisement for bids for lights at Mike Miller Park, as a part of the process of converting the field lights to LED. The court also held the first reading of an ordinance to allow street legal special purpose vehicles on county roads, following a discussion at the previous meeting. The court then approved the surplus of several Road Department items, and accepted a bid for a new tractor and mower for the Road Department. The next Fiscal Court meeting is set for May 6 at 9 a.m.



Dr. Robert Beale is still in his same office building (Medical Office Building 2) and is still performing colonoscopies and endoscopies here at Marshall County Hospital.

His new office hours are Wednesdays from 1-5PM.

Patients can call 270-527-7400 to schedule an appointment.



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