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Snyder said approximately 100 participants completed the event last year, resulting in thousands of visits to local businesses. She noted that several new businesses will participate this year, including Lavender Blooms Florist, Mystical Bluegrass Jewelry and Obscurious Market. The commission unanimously approved the banner request.

Commissioners also appointed Leon Smothers to a four-year term on the Danville-Boyle County Planning and Zoning Commission, filling a vacancy created by the departure of Kenneth

Alexander.

In other business, the commission approved the first reading of an ordinance amending local zoning regulations to comply with a new state law concerning qualified manufactured homes. City officials said the changes are required to align local regulations with legislation passed by the Kentucky General Assembly that takes effect July 1.

The ordinance would prohibit cities from excluding qualified manufactured homes from residential zones where housing is otherwise permitted. Officials noted that existing deed restrictions in private subdivisions would remain enforceable and that developers could still

establish restrictions for future developments.

Parks and Recreation Director Tommy Barton provided commissioners with an update on several ongoing and upcoming projects.

Barton reported that renovations to three baseball fields, improvements to the Millennium Park playground and installation of new site furnishings have been completed. Construction on a new skateboard park is scheduled to begin June 15, while work on new pickleball courts is expected to follow shortly afterward.

To accommodate the new facilities, one basketball court at Millennium Park will be removed. Barton said a replacement

court has been upgraded at Michael Smith Park, and officials are exploring options for relocating the park's sand volleyball court and old skateboard ramps.

He also highlighted progress at the Pine Knob Bike Park, where new trails and features continue to be developed, and noted that additional trail improvements have recently been completed around the community.

Barton said participation in parks and recreation programs continues to grow. Baseball and softball registration increased by 81 participants this year, while the Tri-County Fast Pitch League expanded to include teams from five counties. Participation also increased in the city's summer basketball league,

swim team, pickleball league and day camp programs.

Upcoming events include the city's June-teenth celebration, which will feature activities at both Jenny Rogers Community Center and Michael Smith Park, and Independence Day festivities scheduled for July 3 and July 4. The July 3 celebration will include a performance by country music artist Eddie Montgomery, while local bands and a fireworks display are planned for July 4. A state baseball tournament is also scheduled to take place during the holiday weekend.

The commission later approved a resolution authorizing the purchase of eight new scoreboards

for Millennium Park at a cost of approximately \$50,000. Parks officials said the existing scoreboards are between 20 and 25 years old and have become increasingly difficult to maintain. The city plans to seek sponsorships from local businesses to offset the cost of the project.

Commissioners also approved renewal of the city's workers' compensation insurance policy through the Kentucky League of Cities. City officials reported that the annual premium increased by only \$34 from the previous year despite growth in payroll and staffing levels, which they credited to ongoing workplace safety efforts.

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company to conduct the display.

In addition to the fireworks show, city employees plan to provide refreshments for attendees by purchasing hot dogs and drinks to distribute during the event. Officials are also exploring options for live or recorded music to entertain residents before the fireworks begin.

Junction City Police Chief Ben Rowe provided a monthly report highlighting department activity. During the reporting

period, officers responded to nine community service calls, assisted with six funerals and handled 11 officer-initiated calls. The department also investigated two thefts and four vehicle crashes while conducting 90 traffic stops.

Rowe reported the department's average response time remains between one and two minutes.

He also told council members that a third police officer is currently undergoing a background

investigation. If hired, the additional officer would join Rowe and Officer Hafley, expanding the depart-

ment's staffing levels.

The chief also announced plans for a police department car show fundraiser scheduled for Aug. 22. Proceeds from the event will support departmental needs and community engagement efforts.

As part of long-term equipment planning, Rowe requested permission to purchase two new police vehicles. He estimated each vehicle would cost approximately \$70,000 and said the purchases would allow the department to begin replacing aging units in its fleet. The goal, he said, is to keep vehicles in service for roughly four years

before replacement.

Mayor Jim Douglas announced the completion of a key property acquisition tied to the city's future park project. The city recently purchased the final two acres needed for the planned park development, paying approximately \$47,000 for the property. Douglas credited the city Attorney and Magistrate Bodner for their work helping facilitate the transaction.

Bodner described the acquisition as the solution to longstanding access and easement concerns connected to the project.

The new park prop-

erty is located near the city's existing park, which is owned by Boyle County Schools and leased to the city. Officials said ownership limitations on the current site have restricted certain improvements and development opportunities, prompting years of discussion among city, county and school district leaders about a permanent solution.

The Boyle County Fiscal Court previously contributed \$50,000 toward the acquisition of property for the new park. Officials said the latest purchase completes the land acquisition process and clears

the way for future planning and development.

Representatives from Junction City Matters also addressed the council, seeking volunteers to help paint fire hydrants throughout the community. Organizers said paint is available and encouraged residents interested in participating to get involved in the beautification effort.

The meeting concluded with city officials continuing preparations for summer events and community improvement projects planned throughout the coming year.



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Sarah Martin, Dr. Ted Steinbock, Peggy Ellis, Tom Ellis, Janie Edwards and Harold Edwards gather during a ceremony recognizing Steinbock for his restoration of the historic Crawford House near Perryville.

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the property's future preservation.

DAR members noted that when restoration began, the structure faced serious deterioration. Visitors observed failing brickwork, sagging floors, damaged windows, roof issues and evidence of wildlife inhabiting portions of the building. The extensive condition of the property created a formidable challenge for anyone attempting to restore it.

Over the course of approximately two years, restoration crews stabilized and repaired the structure while working to preserve its historic character. The project included reinforcing brick walls, repairing and

securing the stone foundation, replacing floor joists, restoring oak flooring, repairing windows, addressing roofing concerns and making improvements to the home's staircase. Modern electrical and plumbing systems were also installed to allow the building to function while maintaining its historic integrity.

According to information shared during the award presentation, the work was completed in accordance with standards established for historic preservation projects. The goal was not to modernize the home, but to restore it while respecting its original architecture and historical significance.

Information provided by the Crawford House notes that the building's significance extends

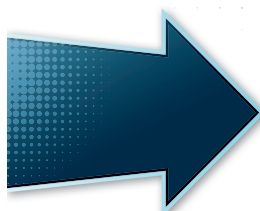
beyond its architecture. As a surviving witness to one of the state's defining Civil War events, the house offers visitors a tangible connection to Kentucky's past and the people who lived through the conflict.

Today, the restored home serves as both a historic destination and educational resource. Visitors can learn about the Battle of Perryville, the Civil War's impact on Kentucky and the broader historical context surrounding the site. The property's mission, according to restoration materials, is to encourage learning, reflection, and preservation rather than simply commemorate the war itself.

DAR members said Steinbock's work ensures that an important piece of Kentucky history will remain available for future



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