

Cleaton Community Gathers for Baby Grayson Prayer Vigil

Staff Report

CLEATON — An estimated 35 people gathered Thursday evening at Christ of Calvary Church for a prayer vigil and walk through Cleaton in support of Baby Grayson and his family.

Grayson Walton, 11 months old, was found deceased Sunday, Sept. 13, after his family reported he disappeared from Cleaton the previous day.

Georgina Sailing, whose husband, John Sailing, serves as



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Zack Banks, Jennifer Banks, Georgina Sailing and John Sailing speak to those in attendance.

New industry, \$2 Million Award Highlighted at Muhlenberg Fiscal Court Meeting

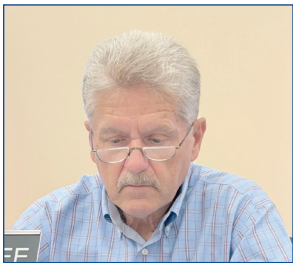


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District 4 Magistrate, Keith Phillips.

By **Lisa Sullivan**
COMMUNITY NEWS

A new manufacturing operation and a \$2 million workforce-development award highlighted the Sept. 17 meeting of the Muhlenberg County Fiscal Court.

The new company, based in the Salt Lake City, Utah, area, has constructed



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Judge Executive, Mack McGehee.

an emulsion manufacturing facility off Cleaton Cutoff Road. The operation is expected to create approximately 15 permanent, good-paying jobs in the county.

Officials also discussed a \$2 million Abandoned Mine Lands Economic Revitalization



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Clerk, Sherry Whitney.

(AMLER) award received by Muhlenberg County. The funding will be used to purchase and install manufacturing and welding equipment for Western Kentucky Technical Training Center.

The award was announced Sept. 17 as part of a statewide AMLER funding



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District 5 Magistrate, Andrew Bullock.

package. The county's \$2 million grant is expected to help train approximately 60 students each year.

The new manufacturing facility and workforce-training investment were cited as additional opportunities for economic development and job preparation in Muhlenberg County.

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blasting product, according to Dan Francelj, Enaex's vice president of operations. Annual production is expected to reach approximately 20,000 tons once fully operational.

Francelj said during a Sept. 17 interview that operations were expected to begin within two to three weeks. The plant will operate three shifts, with employee training conducted at the Western Kentucky Regional Technical Training Center in Greenville and Madisonville Community College in Central City.

Muhlenberg County Judge-Executive Mack McGehee said the combination of major new developments and expansions at existing operations shows the county is moving in the right direction.

Ray Hagerman, executive director of the Muhlenberg Economic Growth Alliance, said Enaex's arrival strengthens



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From left, Dan Francelj, Enaex vice president of operations; Muhlenberg County Judge-Executive Mack McGehee; and Ray Hagerman, MEGA executive director.

a concentration of explosives and energetics companies built on the county's coal-mining heritage.

Decades of mining developed a workforce experienced in handling and using explosives, Hagerman said. That expertise has helped attract manufacturers and remains a draw for investment.

"The brain power in explosives is concentrated here as much as anywhere else in the United States," Hagerman said.

Enaex joins an industry presence that includes Dyno Nobel and Ensign-Bickford in Graham. Hagerman said the new operation follows Nitradyne's announcement of additional chemicals

manufacturing planned for the existing industrial campus.

While Enaex's initial workforce will be relatively small, Hagerman described the investment as a foothold for the global company and another step in developing Muhlenberg County's explosives and energetics industry.

Greenville City Council Addresses Festival Preparations, Police Activity and Road Repairs



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City of Greenville Commissioners; (L to R) Wade Walters and Jeff Travis.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

The Greenville City Council discussed preparations for the upcoming Squash and Gobble festival, recent police activity, storm cleanup, water conservation and infrastructure needs during its Sept. 15 meeting.

With Squash and Gobble approaching, city officials reviewed preparations for the annual event and efforts to ready the community for visitors expected in downtown Greenville. Squash and Gobble is scheduled for Saturday, September 19th from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. in downtown Greenville. Organizers expect more than 200 craft and food vendors along with

live entertainment and family activities.

The Greenville Police Department provided an update on recent activity. The department also discussed enforcement involving a local business, Angel One, and products containing THC and kratom. Officers reported that the business was raided in connection with THC and kratom products. Police continue addressing concerns about substances subject to applicable state and local regulations.

Officials emphasized the importance of keeping storefront parking spaces available for customers. Business owners were

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City of Greenville Commissioners; (L to R) Marcus West and Nick Sparks.



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