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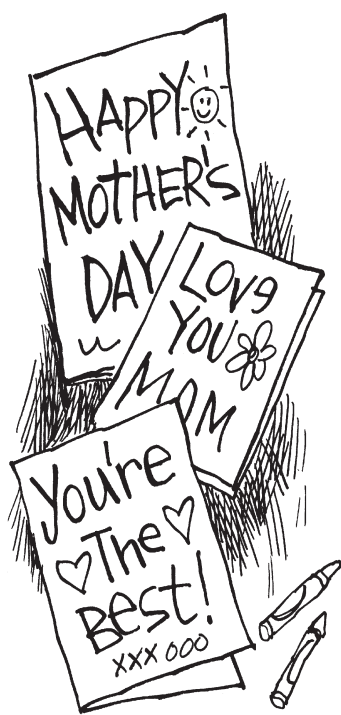
OPINION

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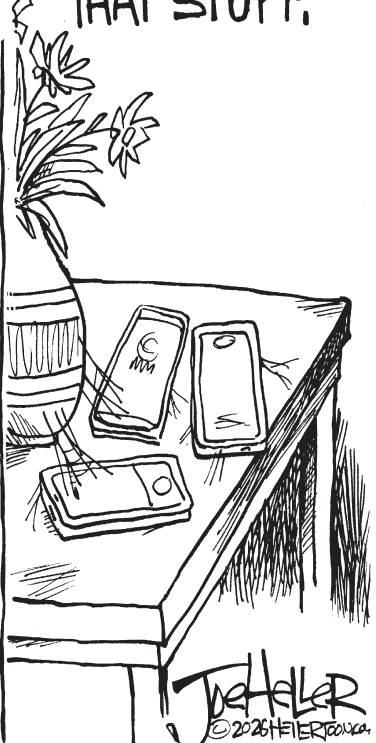
TO SAY THAT THEY LOVE YOU AND THAT YOU ARE GRAND.



'CAUSE YOU KNOW THAT WAS SPECIAL AND IT MUST HAVE BEEN TOUGH...



TO PUT DOWN THEIR CELLPHONES TO MAKE ALL THAT STUFF.



RIVERBEND

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The apartment complex received the award for Outstanding Performance in the Family Property Category for the state of Kentucky during the 2026 Housing Management Conference in Louisville.

Riverbend Apartments, located on East Union Street in Hartford, was honored for its exceptional service and management, recognizing the property's commitment to providing quality housing while fostering a strong sense of community among residents.

The recognition also highlighted the role of Diversified Management, Inc. for its management services and credited owner Thomas N. Thompson for his continued support and vision.

Jessica St. Clair serves as property manager for Riverbend Apartments.

GATTON

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Angela Leach of Hartford, was among 97 Kentucky sophomores selected statewide for the academy's 21st incoming class.

The Gatton Academy, located on WKU's campus in Bowling Green, is Kentucky's first state-supported, two-year residential program designed for high-achieving high school students interested in advanced careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Students accepted into the program complete their junior and senior years of high school while living on campus and taking university-level coursework. Upon completion, students graduate with their high school diploma and at least 60 college credit hours, along with an associate degree in interdisciplinary studies.

Applicants are selected through a competitive process that includes academic performance, ACT/SAT scores, extracurricular activities, essays, recommendations and interviews.

The Class of 2028 includes students from 36 counties across Kentucky, continuing the academy's mission of preparing future leaders in science, mathematics and engineering.

TORNADO

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lines were brought down and several homes and a barn sustained structural damage.

Officials said the tornado was on the ground only briefly but left a concentrated path of damage in the affected area.

No injuries were reported as a result of the storm.

Ohio County Emergency Management is asking anyone who sustained storm damage to report it by calling (270) 298-4412 to assist with the official damage survey and assessment process.

Emergency crews and utility workers continued cleanup efforts Tuesday as residents began clearing debris and assessing property damage.

Magistrates Approve Small Business Loan, Contracting Requirements and Ambulance Services



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Ohio County Attorney Justin Keown, far right, describes the county's newly adopted responsible bidder ordinance to magistrates at the April 14 Ohio County Fiscal Court meeting.

By Seth Duker
GOVERNMENT NEWS

Ohio County Fiscal Court approved a small business loan, formally adopted new contracting requirements and addressed concerns about emergency services at the body's meeting April 14.

Magistrates unanimously approved a \$42,400 small business loan for a food trailer that will be called The Cracked Egg. The trailer will serve breakfast food and will be located in various areas of the county. Officials said the loan is secured by the trailer itself to reduce financial risk.

The court also unanimously passed the second reading of the county's responsible bidder ordinance. This ordinance will set multiple requirements and qualifications required for prospective bidders on county construction projects exceeding \$40,000.

The court unanimously accepted a bid from Com-Care for the Ohio County Ambulance service contract. Following this approval, Jim Duke, of Com-Care, spoke about truck replacement. He said they've gotten somewhat behind.

"We've only replaced two

trucks since 2019," Duke said.

He said they notice a significant decrease in reliability once an ambulance reaches 200,000 miles.

"Currently, of our five ambulances, three of them are over 200,000 miles," he said. "...If one of (the two trucks) are down for routine maintenance, there's a 50% chance if somebody is going to have to go to Louisville on an emergency run they're going to have to do it in a truck that I don't really feel comfortable sending them in."

Duke said the county has until July 1 to spend \$10,000 that has been previously advertised. The court unanimously voted to approve the advertisement of bids for a remount. Duke said the \$10,000 in expiring funds can be used as a down payment early in the process so they are utilized.

He said ambulance costs are up since COVID.

"You used to be able to buy a truck for about \$160,000 and remount for about \$100,000," Duke said. "Now, a remount is about \$160,000, and a new truck is about \$220,000."

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