

Fox Chase audits up to date, road funds to be secured

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FOX CHASE – With its financial audits caught up, state municipal aid road fund dollars will soon be released to one municipality.

The Fox Chase City Council approved the 2022-23 audit at its March meeting. This will allow the state to release road funds which had been withheld.

The city had fallen behind in getting the audits completed but those have been completed.

City attorney Mark Edison said the passage of the most recent audit would allow for the state Department of Local Government to release back funds.

In the audit, completed by the firm of Kerbaugh, Rodes and Butler of Danville, Edison said the normal comment that

the city did not have segregation of duties was given. This is a common comment made about smaller cities which do not have enough paid staff to separate the duties.

Also, he said the city had not made a payment to the IRS but that had been made and Fox Chase was in compliance.

The council unanimously approved the audit without comment.

In other business:

*The council approved an index of ordinances compiled by town board member David Selby.

Working on the project for the past four years, Selby said he had located all of the city ordinances possible. None were abolished. All those located were compiled in an index.

The resolution to be drafted would recognize that the index of ordinances does exist.

The council voted 5-0 with Sandy Higgins abstaining to have Edison draft the resolution to be voted upon in April.

*Several residents talked about concerns over dogs which are running wild.

It appeared that the same two dogs were the cause of concern as they barked and showed their teeth to several residents. "Something has to be done," said one resident.

Edison said that the county has a leash law which covers Fox Chase. Getting photos of the dog could be used when filing a criminal complaint in the county attorney's office.

Higgins said she would talk with the owners. Mayor Owen

Taylor offered to get photos and take them to the county attorney's office.

A letter had already been sent to the dog owners last summer, according to a resident.

*Family Court Judge Monica Meredith presented information on the work done by her office.

She will be on the ballot this fall and will be challenged by Amanda Spalding.

Meredith said that COVID changed a lot of procedures in the courtroom, including an introduction of a hybrid system.

While participants are still allowed to attend court proceedings in public, they also have an option of being part of the process virtually.

She also praised her staff with putting procedures in place to speed up the time cases are in the court system.

*City clerk Joy Priddy will produce a newsletter for Fox Chase. Any items for future issues could be sent to clerk@foxchaseky.com.

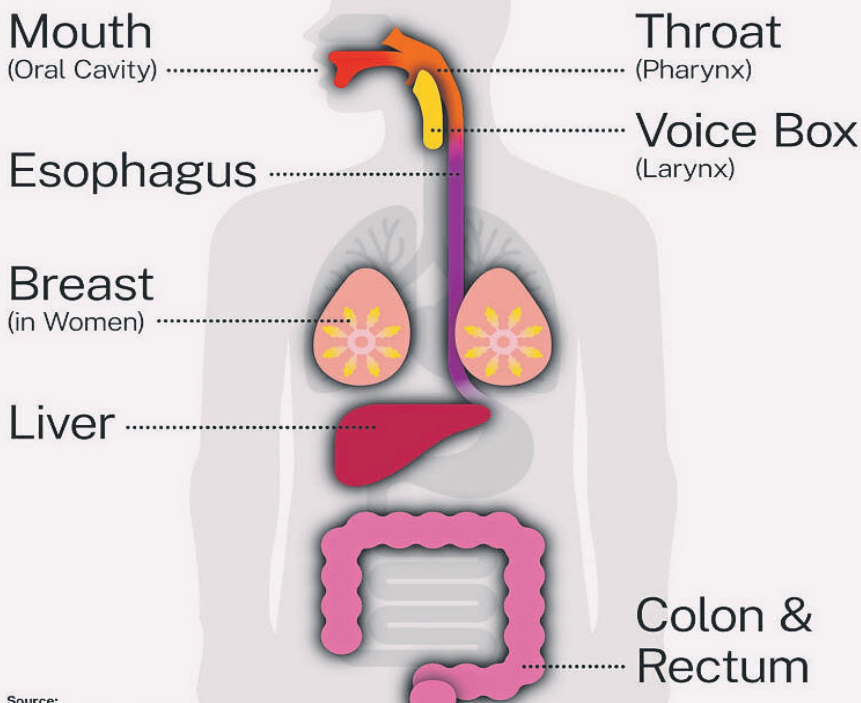
She has recently updated the city's website.

*A ceremony will be held, weather permitting, at the new flag pole at the city's entrance on Fox Chase Drive. It will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14, and the public is invited.

The next meeting of the Fox Chase City Council will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14, at the U of L Health South Hospital Medical Plaza I Larry Belcher Community Room. The public is invited.

Study shows alcohol use raises cancer risk

Consuming alcohol increases the risk of developing at least 7 types of cancer



Source: "Alcohol and Cancer Risk," National Cancer Institute, <https://www.cancer.gov/about-cancer/causes-prevention/risk/alcohol/alcohol-fact-sheet>

Office of the U.S. Surgeon General

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Most people in the United States who drink alcohol do not know that it raises their cancer risk, and a new study found that educational messaging about this topic is effective.

The study, published in Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers & Prevention, included University of Kentucky Markey Cancer Center researchers Marc T. Kiviniemi and Anne E. Ray, both faculty members in the UK College of Public Health, as co-authors alongside lead author Jennifer L. Hay of Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. Kiviniemi and Ray are both members of Markey Cancer Center's Cancer Prevention and Control Research Program.

Alcohol has been classified as a group 1 carcinogen by the World Health Organization for nearly 40 years and is tied to increased risk for seven cancer types, including breast and colorectal cancer. Last year,

the U.S. Surgeon General called for updated alcohol warning labels to reflect the cancer risk. Currently, only about one in three people in the U.S. is aware of the alcohol-cancer link.

The research involved 827 adults who currently drank alcohol and did not know that alcohol is linked to cancer. After participants watched a short, animated educational video on the topic, 70% reported awareness of the connection.

"All American adults — both drinkers and non-drinkers — should have the information they need to understand how drinking affects cancer risk," said Kiviniemi. "The findings of our study are exciting because they show that a relatively short and cost-effective message can help. As a public health professional, it is always gratifying when we can make sure the public has the latest, best and most accurate information to use in making decisions about their health and well-being."

The findings also iden-

tified some groups that were less likely to gain awareness after watching the video, including heavy drinkers, cancer survivors and those who tend to avoid health information, pointing to a need for more tailored messaging for specific audiences.

"We can't just adopt a one-size-fits-all approach to our messaging and expect to reach everyone," said Ray. "Now that we know more about which groups have different messaging needs, we can work with them to better understand what types of communication will be effective in increasing their awareness, too."

This study draws on more than a decade of work by the research team, much of it funded by the National Cancer Institute, which explores how people understand health risk and how gaps in that understanding affect their decisions. It applies those insights to develop better tools for helping people make informed choices about their health and behaviors.

Stephen Foster Drama to host youth camps

BARDSTOWN — The Stephen Foster Drama Association (SFDA) in Bardstown is set to host a series of theatre camps for area youth this summer through its Youth Performing Arts Academy. A total of three distinct camps will be hosted, each centered on a different theatre production. Participants will learn core theatre skills, including solo and ensemble singing, choreography, ensemble work and more.

ensemble singing, choreography and ensemble work. Camp concludes with a public performance of "Disney Dare to Dream, Jr." on July 26, featuring a thrilling mix of Disney's contemporary songs, timeless classics and brand-new medleys.

Cost: \$250 per camper; includes two tickets to the public performance on Sunday, July 26 at 7 p.m. Additional tickets will be available for \$5 each at the box office.

SESSION 1: ANNIE DAY CAMP

Date: July 10 | Time: 9 a.m. — 4 p.m. | Grades: 2nd-8th

This day camp gives participants an exclusive behind-the-curtain look at SFDA's production of "Annie." Campers will get a backstage tour of the production and the opportunity to learn the basics of vocals, choreography, acting and designing props and playbills. Camp wraps with a mini "Annie" showcase for parents at 3:30 p.m. and the opportunity to attend that evening's performance of "Annie."

Cost: \$150 per camper; includes one adult ticket and one student ticket to the performance of "Annie" at 8 p.m. Additional tickets will be available at the box office.

SESSION 2: DARE TO DREAM JR.: A DISNEY MUSICAL REVUE CAMP

Dates: July 20 — 26 | Time: 9 a.m. — 1 p.m. | Grades: 2nd-12th

At this day camp, students step into the spotlight with a deep dive into musical theatre, Disney-style. Campers will participate in acting and vocal workshops, solo and

SESSION 3: WINNIE THE POOH KIDS CAMP

Dates: Aug. 24 — 29 | Time: 4 — 7 p.m. | Grades: 2nd-8th

At this camp, participants venture into the Hundred Acre Wood with a show based on the beloved characters of A.A. Milne and the animated Disney film. Campers will engage in acting and vocal workshops, solo and ensemble singing, choreography and ensemble work. Camp ends with a public performance of "Winnie the Pooh KIDS" on Saturday, Aug. 29.

Cost: \$250 per camper; includes two tickets to the public performance on Saturday, Aug. 29 at 6 p.m. Additional tickets will be available for \$5 each at the box office.

Teaching artists include Allen and Katie Brooks. Allen is a math and theatre teacher at Thomas Nelson High School in Bardstown, where he directs productions. He also works in professional theatre as an actor and sound designer/engineer. Katie teaches theatre and English at her alma mater, Bethlehem High School in Bard-

stown. There, she directs all theatre productions, as well as the school's International Thespian Society Troupe.

"Through these camps,

we want students to build confidence, express their creativity and experience the joy of storytelling in a supportive and fun environment," Katie said.

"Our goal is to offer an experience that fosters a love of theatre among a wide range of students."

Space is limited. All sessions will be held at

the J. Dan Talbott Amphitheater in historic Bardstown, Kentucky (411 E. Stephen Foster Ave). To register, visit stephenfoster.com/academy.

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