

OBITUARIES

Marcia Anne (Claspill) Clark, 66

EMINENCE — Marcia Anne (Claspill) Clark of Eminence passed away on Sunday, May 12, 2024. Daughter of the late Joseph and Edith (Benningfield) Claspill, she was a long-time medical receptionist at Norton Medical Group in Fern Creek, and a member of Restoration Life Church in Eminence. She loved to travel all over the US and sing with her parrot, Happy! Marcia was preceded in death by a stepson, Jerry W. Clark, Jr.



Timothy Waford (Sandy) of Shelbyville, Michael Waford of Eminence and Josh Waford of Port Royal, step-daughters; Melissa Redick (Bryan) of Louisville and Shannon Heck of Shepherdsville, step-son; Brian Clark (Brenda) of Mt. Washington, sisters;

Pam Adair (Nelson) of Campbellsburg, Linda Wise (Jimmy) of Little River, SC, Vicki Dickinson of Pendleton and Sandy Adair (Ty) of Bedford, brothers; Clay Swihart (Linda) of Pendleton and Tony Claspill (Jennifer) of Shelbyville, 14 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral Services were held on Thursday, May 16, 2024 at Restoration Life Church in Eminence, officiated by Pastor Michael Luttrell, with interment following in Franklinton Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Restoration Life Church.

Marcia is survived by her husband; Jerry W. Clark of Eminence, a daughter; Sarah Waford of Shelbyville, sons;

Janet (Payne) Abner, 68

CAMPBELLSBURG — Janet (Payne) Abner passed away May 14, 2024. She was born on July 12, 1955 in Shelbyville to Gayle Harrison Payne and Martha Louise Kelley Payne. Janet was a member of Bethlehem Methodist Church and retired as the Payroll

Administrator for Henry County Board of Education after 31 years. Left to mourn her passing is her son; B.J. (Renee Kay) Abner of Bowling Green and three grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents and three sisters.

A celebration of life

was held on Sunday, May 19, 2024 at Sholar-Riley Funeral Home in Pleasureville.

Memorial gifts may be made to St. Jude Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 and Donate Life Kentucky Trust, 10301 Linn Station Road, Louisville, KY 40223.

Judith Leslie Shaw, 56

PLEASUREVILLE — Judith Leslie Shaw passed away May 11, 2024. She was born Jan. 2, 1968, in Shelbyville to Roy Lee and Minnie Elizabeth Lenora (Heightchew) Eddins. Judith was formerly employed by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet,

was a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church, enjoyed time with her grandchildren, making jewelry and the outdoors and farm life.

Left to mourn her passing is her husband; Christopher L. Shaw, a daughter; Kristan S. (Daniel) Wright, a son; John Alexander "Alex"

(Alexis) Shaw, four grandchildren and two sisters. She is preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral Services were held Friday, May 17, 2024 at Sholar-Riley Funeral Home with Rev. Travis Sheehan officiating and interment following in Point Pleasant Cemetery.

New Castle reads \$2.4M budget, garbage collection rate

BY ROBB HOFF

During their May meeting, the New Castle City Commission held their first reading of the city's proposed budget of \$2.4 million for the upcoming fiscal year beginning July 1.

The budget features about \$1.3 million in beginning balance carryover from the current fiscal year across these four categories:

- General Fund \$478,921
- Water Fund \$463,225
- Sewer Fund \$335,922
- Fire Department \$12,250

The projected revenues for the fiscal year include nearly a half-million dollars in collection through the General Fund and more than a half-million dollars in combined water and sewer revenues.

Total expenses projected are as follows:

- General \$714,394
- Water \$355,548
- Sewer \$305,083
- Fire Department \$71,547

The public hearing and second reading for the budget will be set prior to the budget adoption by July 1.

The commission also held the first reading for the garbage collection franchise

award by the city to Rumpke Waste & Recycling at a cost of \$27.49 monthly for residential garbage collection for the next two years with an option for the city to accept third and fourth year rates of \$28.59 and \$29.73 monthly.

"We lowered the franchise fee to lower the garbage costs for the citizens of New Castle," said Mayor Phoebe Thompson.

While the lowered franchise fee collected by the city from Rumpke lowers the overall cost of garbage collection for city residents, the award to Rumpke amounts to a \$2 increase in monthly service from the current rate.

Rear-door garbage collection is set for \$36.49 monthly.

After a public hearing and second reading of proposed ordinance held by the commission during the May meeting, the commissioners established the city position of public works assistant director and promoted current public works employee Vincent Bates to the position.

Also during the commission meeting, commissioners Jennifer Delling and Charlie Sevier addressed the upcoming city-



Look for the return of WHAS Crusade For Children donation sites at Henry County locations this month, starting May 22 with the New Castle Main Street intersection manned by volunteers of the New Castle Fire Department.

Robb Hoff

Ellis informed the commission that the department intended to start their annual roadway collection of donations for the WHAS Crusade For Children earlier this year on May 22 "to try to boost up a little our totals."

Ellis added that their fish fry for the fundraiser is set for June 1 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. with plans to offer door-to-door delivery for orders within New Castle city limits.

In other reports during the commission meeting, Henry County Sheriff's Deputy Josh Jamiel reported that the four sheriff's deputies who provide part-time law enforcement for the city worked a total of 72 hours combined in May with 38 traffic stops made, 18 citations issued, 17 complaints received and three arrests made.

wide Spring Fling celebration set for Saturday, June 8.

"We would like to have two bingo sessions in The Locker (on Main Street) during the Spring Fling," said Delling, adding that the event bake-off contest would be held in The Newby Room around the block from The Locker instead.

Mayor Thompson said more details about accounting for the sessions would be necessary for the bingo sessions from charitable gaming provider Jennifer Hegg of the Amer-

ican Saddlebred Legacy Foundation.

Sevier invited the mayor and commissioners to participate in the parade, which features McDonald's franchise owner Emily Kasselmann as grand marshal. He also encouraged community involvement in the event.

"We're needing volunteers," he said. "It could be for an hour or two."

In other New Castle event news, New Castle Fire Department Assistant Chief Michael



Submitted

Nakkia Bowen of the Shelbyville Area NAACP presented Katelynn Smith with a scholarship. This year's Henry County High School graduates earned \$2,318,398 in scholarships to further their educations, which doesn't include additional offers seniors received, only what they will be applying to offset post-secondary education and training.

AWARDS

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This year's Academic Honor Graduates are Kendyl Browning, Allison Collett, William Corum, Jaycee Fischer, Scott Jaggers, Jordan King, Shayla McGuire, Michael Porter, James Prewitt, Shane Raisor, Abigail Sheehan, Leah Southworth and Karli Woods.

HONOR GRADUATES

Honor Graduates have achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher with fewer than 10 Honor Courses by the end of the third nine-week grading period of their senior year. This year's Honor Graduates are Robert Bruce, Alex Huff and Skylar Norton.

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Alan Truman Memorial: Kyle

Gillingham and Katelynn Smith; **Ben and Sam Hill:** Jordyn Hall and Ella McManis; **Claudine Tingle Music:** Skylar Norton; **Friends for Michael:** Kennedy Brown and Ella McManis; **Gary Gosser Memorial:** Kelli Booth; **Henry County Arts and Crafts Guild:** Skylar Norton; **Henry County Cattleman's Association:** Kylee Morris; **Henry County Education Association:** Ella McManis; **Henry County Farm Bureau:** Jaclyn Arnold, Kelli Booth, Kennedy Brown, Ella McManis, Kylee Morris and Madalyn Wilson; **Henry County Kiwanis Club:** Melissa Brooks; **Henry County Retired Teachers:** Ella McManis; **Henry County Youth Livestock Auction:** Madeline Lay, Kylee Morris, Brody Staples; **James V. Casey Memorial:** Madeline Lay; **Jerry Martin Softball:** Kennedy Brown, Madeline Lay and Katelynn Smith; **John S. Roberts Memorial:** Kennedy Brown; **Jona-**

than Carroll Adams Memorial: Kennedy Brown; **Larry Jeffries Memorial Conservation:** Madeline Lay and Brody Staples; **Lisa Harper Memorial:** Kelli Booth; **NAACP:** Katelynn Smith; **Lt. Joseph Laymon Durbin:** Katelynn Smith; **Lyndon B. Johnson Memorial:** Kyle Gillingham; **Mona Hill Memorial:** Emily Edens; **New Castle Lions Club:** Brody Staples; **OD Aylene Turner Memorial:** Kennedy Brown and Brody Staples; **OL McElroy:** Jordyn Hall; **Theatre Downstream Flying Fish:** Hayden Behmke; **United Citizens Bank:** Kennedy Brown and Kylee Morris; **Shelby Energy Cooperative:** Kennedy Brown; **Raymond and Mary Dean Barnett:** Melissa Brooks, Emily Edens, Jordyn Hall and Kylee Morris; and the **Wendell Gividen Memorial:** Kennedy Brown; **Merriweather and King Street School Fund, Inc.:** Madalyn Wilson and Kyndell Cross

COUNCIL

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Council discussed the possibility of a 5% tax for packaged alcohol retailers, who have currently do not pay tax to the city for alcohol sales, while keeping the current 2.5% tax for alcohol sales at restaurants the same.

"That's not fair," Armstrong said. "I just want to do one standard across the board. It doesn't have to be 5%."

Councilwoman Karen Paris said that restaurants face inflationary pressure for food service, which would make it challenging for them to charge more to customers for alcohol sales.

"They're struggling already with having to pay food costs," she said.

Mayor Fred Downey commented that restaur-

ants have met the tax obligation imposed upon them in the past.

"They've been paying for a long time," he said of food service businesses that serve alcohol in the city.

Paris added that too much of a tax increase for restaurants and other food service providers who serve alcohol could prove detrimental to the city.

"I just don't want to run them out," she said of potential tax increase that might "put a hinder on our restaurants more than what they need."

Kentucky Renaissance Fair owner Ed Frederick addressed the council about his perspective as a business owner who has operated for the past 19 years in Eminence while paying the 2.5% for alcohol sales tax, "which comes out to a significant amount of money every year."

Frederick cited cook-

ing oil costs that he said have tripled over the past four years and escalating labor costs for food service at Renaissance Fair events, which include Viking and Celtic festivals in addition to Dickens Christmas.

"We've had to go up on labor costs," he said. "I've got people in my kitchens I'm paying more than \$20 an hour."

Mayor Downey acknowledged the long-standing alcohol tax disparity between food service providers and package sales retailers.

"Ed and them have been paying for a long time, where the package liquors have't been paying a thing," he said. Frederick suggested that council leave the alcohol sales tax for food retailers at 2.5% and consider the package retailer tax separately.

Council initially con-

sidered a 3.5% tax for both types of businesses, but the motion to that effect died for lack of a second. Council then unanimously agreed upon a 3% rate, which would be included in ordinance regulating alcohol sales.

"We still have to have a first reading," City Attorney Chelsey Brammell said of the process for adoption of the tax rate.

Brammell also updated council about action available to the city for regulation of legalized medical cannabis. She said council could vote to permit or prohibit the operation of medical cannabis businesses within city limits or issue a referendum for registered voters in the city to decide if medical cannabis sales are allowed in Eminence. She said the deadline for referendum notification is Aug. 15.

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