

## Fiscal court OKs education fund, excavator purchase

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The Casey County Fiscal Court on March 17 approved the establishment of a new fund to benefit those seeking a college degree or training on a skilled trade.

The court also approved the purchase of a mini-excavator, approved seeking bids for cleaning the exteriors of coun-

ty-owned buildings on Courthouse Square, and approved a rural secondary road list.

Judge/Executive Randy Dial informed magistrates that a split of the funds from the \$2.6 million sale of the Casey County Education and Community Center to Casey County Hospital was completed. The county and City of Liberty split the proceeds from the sale but also

provided \$500,000 funds back to the Liberty-Casey County Economic Development Authority.

“That would be initially. If we see good progress with the initial investment, then it would be an opportunity to do something further,” he said.

The sale of the building also provided up to \$500,000 in funds to create a scholarship

and workforce-training program.

The money will be managed by the Casey County Partnership for Higher Education and Workforce Development.

“I think that would be a good place to put the workforce-training and scholarship money,” Dial said.

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This is a rendition of a lake that would be formed by damming Moccasin Creek in Lanhamtown, as proposed in a feasibility study. This lake would double the water supply for Liberty and Casey County.

## Legislature approves funding for new lake

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A companion lake to Lake Liberty is closer to reality after the Kentucky Legislature approved more than \$9 million for a project to dam Moccasin Creek.

Mayor Dr. Sam Haddad and former mayor Garland Hoskins were excited to hear that the project met with approval from legislators.

Sen. Brandon Storm and Rep. Daniel Elliott announced the funding in a joint statement on March 17:

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## DOSE OF REALITY

Truth and consequences program informs students

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Casey County High School freshmen found themselves in trouble. They met with police, pastors, health and mental healthcare professionals, and learned just how much trouble they were in.

In realistic and varied scenarios, students partnered with community volunteers and officials on March 20 to learn about what happens after you get in trouble. Punishments could have included jail time, disappointed parents, trouble in school, substance abuse treatment, but also health consequences up to and including death.

The annual “Truth and Consequences” program is held every spring, and is a collaboration of partners including the Casey County Extension, Casey County ASAP, Casey County Hospital, Casey County EMS, law enforcement, and more.

In the high school gymnasium, students learned all about consequences.

Jake Richardson spoke to School Resource Officer Jordan Buis about his scenario. A teacher had caught him and a classmate both drinking an alcoholic beverage. He said that he was facing a five-day suspension in school, but worse than that was the call to his parents.

Greg and Pam Suiter, commu-



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Jason Richardson speaks to SRO Jordan Buis about his scenario about being caught with alcohol in the school parking lot. His pretend-parents Greg and Pam Suiter listen in on the conversation.

nity volunteers pretended to be disappointed but supportive parents. They scolded Richardson for his pretend poor decision.

Timothy Murphy sat and spoke to health care professionals Lori Pierce and Kara Hundley about his scenario. In it, he was at a party drinking a non-alcoholic pop when he set it down. Someone drugged his drink without him knowing.

He learned about possible health care issues, and about reporting the crime to police, while pretend-parent Shelly Wesley listened.

At one station, EMS officials Martin Riggs, Jessica Campbell, and Samantha Lee, showed a

demonstration on a dummy of CPR and airway clearing. In another station, Casey County Sheriff’s Deputies Jayson Grider and Hannah Adams spoke to students about legal consequences.

In other rooms, students were having discussions about vaping, mental health, internet safety, and substance abuse recovery.

According to program coordinator Meagan Klee Foust, the Casey County Extension Agent for 4-H and Youth Development, the program has a lot to offer the freshmen.

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## Post construction completed

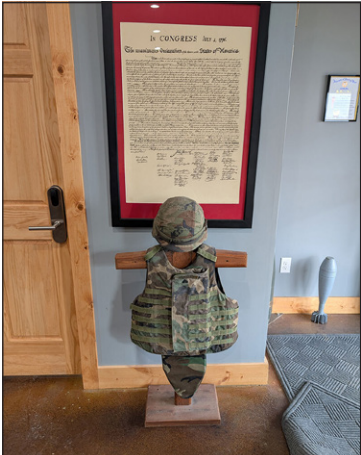
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Casey County’s VFW Post #5704 reached another milestone on March 18 with the soft opening of a new post building, constructed in just seven months.

The completion of the new post brings to an end a mission that the VFW has had since it sold its old post in 2021. The end of this mission gives the post a new resource that Commander Glen Phillips Jr. says will benefit the entire community.

Looking back at the accomplishments over the past three years, from their charter nearly being revoked, to going from

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A soldier’s helmet and vest sit below a preamble to the U.S. Constitution in the VFW Post building in Liberty.

## Administration building holds ribbon-cutting

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The public was invited to see for themselves the interior of the new Casey County Hospital Administration Building, and to enjoy the company and catered spread.

After three years of planning, construction, and finishing touches, the Casey County Primary Care/Administration Building can now be said to be completely finished. Administrators were moving in and showing friends and families their new working space atop the hill on Wolford Avenue.

The Casey County Primary Care held its ribbon cutting last month, as there were still a few items to finish upstairs. The upstairs Administration Building, which holds the prominent circular boardroom, with a broad circular table, a windowed cupola, and fine crystal chandelier, held its open house March 22.

The food and most of the visitors was centered in another boardroom, which is for training and other meetings.

Rusty Tungate, CEO of the hospital, in a short speech in

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### BRIEFS

#### PUBLIC MEETINGS

- Casey County ASAP will hold its next meeting at 11:30 a.m. on March 27. Location is to be determined.
- The Liberty Tourism and Convention Commission will hold its next luncheon at noon on April 10.

#### HAPPENINGS

- The first Friday Night Cruisers car show would be at 6 p.m. April 4 in downtown Liberty.
- The Liberty-Casey County Chamber of Commerce will hold its next luncheon at noon on April 9.

### OBITUARIES

Bootsie Foley, 74  
Noel Hatter, 89  
Buddy Long, 87  
Herschel Vanoy, 87

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	<b>THURSDAY</b> PARTLY CLOUDY High: 62 Low: 48
	<b>FRIDAY</b> PARTLY CLOUDY High: 75 Low: 57
	<b>SATURDAY</b> CLOUDY High: 74 Low: 62
	<b>SUNDAY</b> STORMS CHANCE High: 71 Low: 54
	<b>MONDAY</b> RAIN CHANCE High: 60 Low: 42
	<b>TUESDAY</b> MOSTLY CLOUDY High: 61 Low: 42



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