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STAMPING GROUND

Commission defers to Gov. for mayor

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STAMPING GROUND — Governor Andy Beshear will select Stamping Ground’s next mayor as the City Commission opted to let time expire for their selection. After a series of executive sessions March 25, April 10, and April 22 under KRS 61.810(1)(f), the commissioners agreed unanimously “by statute” to defer appointing the next mayor to the governor and will decide which departments they’ll cover when they’re appointed. “It’s just the decision of the commission,” Mayor Pro-Tem Dale Perry said. “(The appointee) may not have weaknesses where we have weaknesses. ... They’ll bring different strengths.” The city’s fifth resignation came from Ethics Committee Member Hunter Moore. Moore was part of the Ethics Committee since her appointment in 2023.

Kristy Koger volunteered for the Code Enforcement Board position and with a 3-0 vote, the commission appointed her to take the single seat Stamping Ground has on the board. Public Works Commissioner Ken Koger recused himself from the vote. “She is a local resident,” Perry said. “It’s good to have somebody that lives in town, because there could be things that aren’t on our ordinances but people get charged with, so it’s good to have that.” Kristy will swear in at a later date, after receiving training from Code Enforcement, Perry said.

The commission is still looking for interested candidates to fill the Ethics Committee seat, the open Board of Adjustments seat, and the ABC Investigator position, Perry said. There are some who have already volunteered, but the commission will hear anyone interested in serving.

If you go

Stamping Ground City Commission meets every second Thursday and fourth Tuesday of each month at **6 p.m.** in City Hall, 101 East Main Street, Stamping Ground. Next regular commission meeting will be held **Thursday, May 8.**

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Keeping our streets clean

Director of Affordable Housing & Homelessness Prevention Kandice Whitehouse (left), Grants Administrator Karyn Leverenz (back), and City Attorney Emilee Buttrum (front) work together to collect trash from the

courthouse Wednesday for the Georgetown Main Street Clean Sweep, in partnership with Bluegrass Greensource. Georgetown College students and other community members also pitched in.

City, county receive state grants for bridge repairs

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Scott County and the City of Georgetown received about \$1.3 million from the state to replace or repair bridges. Gov. Andy Beshear presented the checks which were among 22 awards spread among 15 counties and cities and provided through the newly established County and City Bridge Improvement Program.

Scott County Judge Executive Joe Pat Covington and Georgetown Mayor Burney Jenkins attended the check presentations.



Covington

for the grant award today,” said Covington. “Scott County has over

70 bridges and culvert structures on over 300 miles of county roads. Safety must be the priority and the County-City Bridge Improvement Program provides critical funds to help repair and/or replace county and city bridges across the commonwealth. “Many thanks to the governor, our leadership in the State Senate and House for funding 25 miles in fiscal year ‘25.”

The county received \$969,160 for a bridge replacement and repairs on Mount Horeb Road and North Rays Fork Road. Georgetown received \$342,000 to repair and maintain the integrity at Clubhouse Drive. The grants are appreciated, Jenkins said. “Without these grants we would not have been able to do these repairs, or they would have had to be pulled from our general fund,” the mayor said.

First domestic violence shelter to open in August

By James Scogin
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The “first and only” domestic violence shelter in the Georgetown/Scott County area has now been dedicated in name of Christopher Haley Logan. The shelter will officially open in August, said Elizabeth’s Village Executive Director Tyler Brooker. “It’s truly remarkable to see how far we have

come,” Brooker said. “Originally, this was a dream that started in 2018 to be able to provide for victims and survivors of domestic violence.” The property where The Haley House now sits was purchased in 2022, she said. “Now, we will be able to house 18 to 20 domestic violence survivors,” Brooker said. “We get calls every day at our office, ‘I am seeking shelter. I need help,’ and

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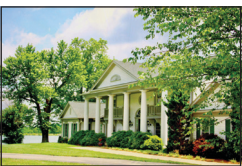
need in the community is huge for us.” Fighting homelessness,

poverty and domestic violence for women is the focus of Elizabeth’s Village, Brooker said. The Haley House, however, will be open to men, women and children, she said. “We’re really excited to open this new program and focus on domestic violence survivors,” she said. Logan was 14 when he took his life due to domestic violence, Brooker and Christopher’s

brother Joseph Logan II said. “Today is more than just a ribbon cutting,” Joseph said. “It’s an opening of something sacred. A refuge. A safe haven. A place of hope. Haley House is not just a building. It’s a lifeline and I am deeply honored it carries the name of someone very special to me, my brother, Christopher Haley Logan.”

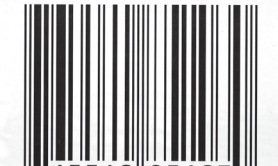
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