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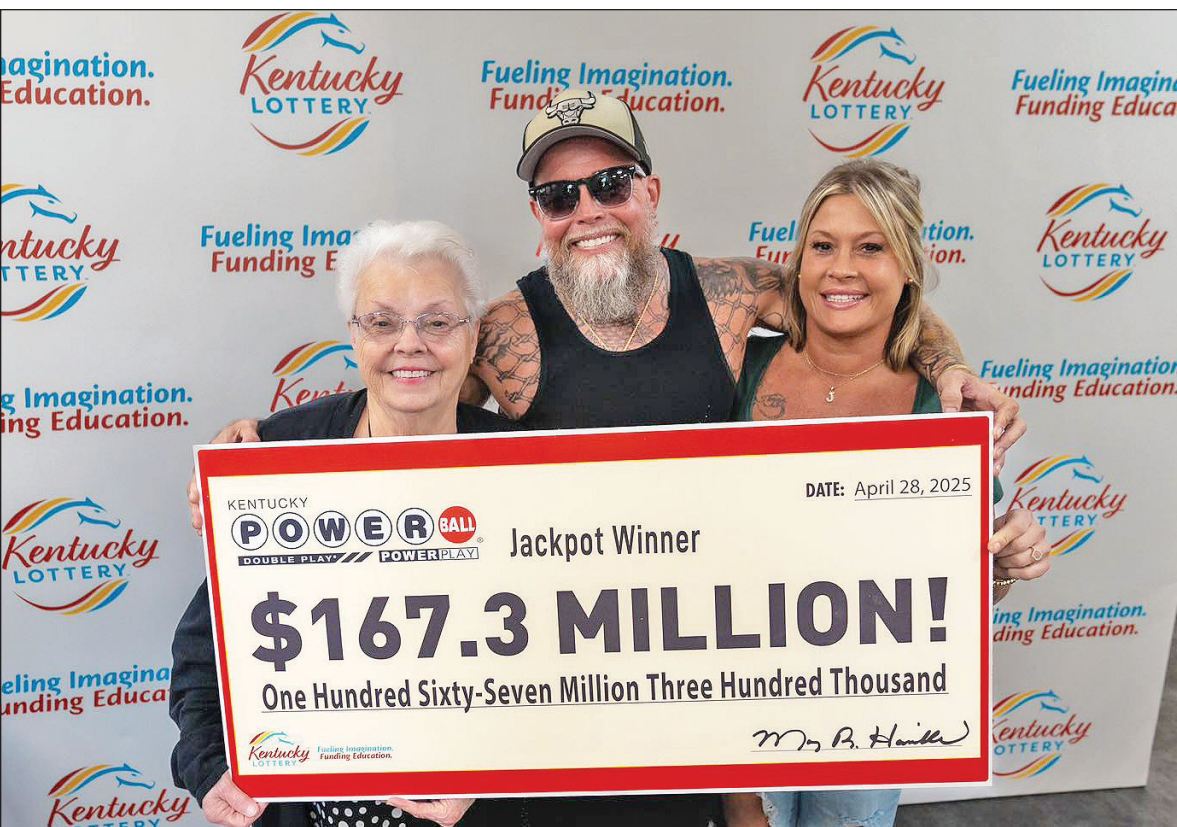
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KENTUCKY LOTTERY



James Farthing (center) receives his lottery winnings with his mother Linda Grizzle (left) and girlfriend Jacqueline Fightmaster (right).

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Recent lottery winner charged following bar fight

From Staff Reports
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James Farthing, 50, who, days ago, won the largest Kentucky Poweball jackpot of \$167.3 million, has been charged with assaulting a Florida deputy following a bar fight Tuesday, April 29, according to multiple reports. "Farthing and his girlfriend Jacqueline Fightmaster were

both arrested following the fracas at the TradeWinds Resort at St. Pete Beach," according to the New York Post. "(Farthing) allegedly kick(ed) a Florida deputy in the face as the cop attempted to break up a bar fight." In an argument, Farthing punched a male victim in the face before the deputy attempted to break up the fight, according to

thesmokinggun.com. Farthing has been charged with resisting officer without violence (obstruction), battery of a law enforcement officer, simple battery, and parole violation according to Pinellas County Sheriff's charge report. Fightmaster was charged with disorderly intoxication-disturbance, according to Pinellas County Sheriff's charge report.

SCARES club aid services during severe weather

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In the middle of the tornado warnings the week of April 5, Scott County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (SCARES) club came to emergency services' aid, helping man the shelters on Main Street in Stamping Ground and on Lisle Road, said SCARES Emergency Coordinator Ron Malinowski. Their "hobby" proved to be beneficial in communicating quickly between shelters and freed up first responders to focus on responding.

"We typically work well to take a little bit of load off an agency that's overwhelmed," Malinowski said. "If you get a tornado or anything in Scott County, dispatch is going to be overwhelmed. EMA is going to be overwhelmed. If you can throw another 10, 15 people out there to say, 'Go to the shelter, we're going to start sending people there ... and you can keep track' ... you don't have to tie up a firefighter or somebody."

Emergency management contacted the SCARES ama-

teur radio operators, or hams, to help out, he said. Hams were stationed at the shelters and throughout the county relaying information consistently and instantaneously.

"Our emergency management asked us to basically man those and make sure the doors get shut properly and everything's bunkered down," Malinowski said. "We had two radio operators on Lisle Road, and we had just one in Stamping Ground. I was actually, from home, communicating with both shelters, they were communicating to me, letting me know how many people were in each shelter, and I was communicating back to them as far as where the storm was, what was going on, when they should close it down."

This was the first use of the new shelters, which provided SCARES with unforeseen signal issues, he said, but thanks to the club members' experience, they handled them by re-parking their cars that also have a transmitter radio in them closer to the bunkers.

If you go

SCARES monthly open meetings are held the third Saturday of each month at the Scott County Cooperative Extension, 1130 Cincinnati Road. The next meeting will be held at **9 a.m. on Saturday, June 21.**

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City Hall renovation continues, new completion date expected in August

By James Scogin
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Georgetown City Hall is expected to be completed in August after several delays, according to those close to the project. Director of Architecture Elisabeth Hunt presented before Georgetown City Council Monday, April 28, in regard to the ongoing project.

Structural issues exist currently in the mayor's office, according to the presentation. "We found cracks over the windows," Hunt said. "It's just the two exterior walls of that room. ... That is indicating that the wall is failing. It's starting to push out on the exterior side."

Solutions for the cracked

walls include "anchoring and sandwiching" the walls with steel, Hunt said.

Possible travel of structural issues has been evaluated, said Structure Engineer Brian McMillan.

"On the first floor (of City Hall) you'll see the bay window steps out right there, so actually, the third floor above is slightly pulling out," McMillan said. "There is actually a wood header that spans over that bay window. I feel a lot of what's happened is the weight of the masonry, over time—when you put a masonry wall on top of wood for a 100 year old building—it creeps and sags over time. That brick likely moved down until it found its happy place and stabilized there."

‘There are times where it rains and we don’t see water in the building, and there are times when it rains and we do see water in the building. We’re trying to continue to monitor that and gauge what the next steps are.’

Elisabeth Hunt
Director of Architecture

The structure is not at point of collapse, McMillan said, but it is not structurally sound and needs addressed.

"Part of the reason we weren't alerted to the issue earlier is, a lot of the walls from the ground up have been stable the whole way," McMillan said. "Normally, when

we're dealing with an old building, we see deterioration throughout, because a lot of times it's either based on foundations or based on weathering."

The issue is "specific to the windows, masonry and structural load path of the third floor," he said.

Window installation has begun on City Hall, according to the presentation. A new dormer connection has been made and a metal roof has been installed as well. A new slab of concrete has been poured in the mechanical room, drywall is in progress and corridor ceiling has been installed.

Over the course of the years-long project, some "hidden items" were found that needed to be addressed.

"We found steel columns where we didn't know we had them," Hunt said. "We found brick wall where we thought we had wood stud walls. We found wood stud walls where we thought we had brick walls."

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Coming up:
Farmers' Market Pavilion
grand opening **Saturday**



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