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Timothy ‘Evan’ Carver Sr.

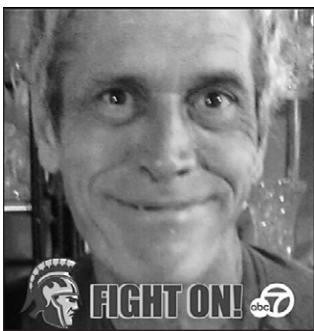
GREENVILLE — Timothy “Evan” Carver Sr., 64, of Greenville, died Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at his residence. Evan was born on Oct. 21, 1960 to the late Doyle Bennett Carver and Deweese Latham Carver, of Rosewood. Evan worked as a Unit Operator for TVA for over 20 years before retiring. Then he

became the Apartment Manager for Manolo Properties in Greenville, where he always had a witty remark and a helping hand. Evan is survived by his children, Reba Carver-Travis (Nathan Travis), Michael Carver, Beth Atwell, and Timothy Carver, Jr. (Kelly). Evan had eight grandchildren and

had an extended family that included Cameron, Marla, and Marlee Laycock, Ron Agee, and Heather Jones. Visitation will be Monday, April 28, 2025 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Tucker Funeral Home in Central City. Burial will be private. Online condolences may be made at www.tuckerfuneralhomes.com.

Joseph William Wheatley

Joseph William Wheatley, 71, of Owensboro, passed on April 15, 2025, at his home. The Daviess County native was born Sept. 24, 1953, and was the beloved son of the late Joseph and Elizabeth Wheatly. In addition to his parents, Joesph was preceded in death by his wife, Velinda Wheatley,



and granddaughter,

Katelyn Cunliffe. Those left to cherish his memory is his daughters, Portica Jones and Kelly (Drew) Wood; sisters, Cathy Pederson and Sherry Glenn; six grandchildren; as well as many other loving family and friends. Care entrusted to Cardinal Cremation Society.

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that I get to do this amazing job.” Greer said she was also blessed to be in a school system that highly values the arts. “They could have easily said to me you can have one theater class a semester, and when I came here that’s what we had, we had one theater class for one semester, but over 20 years ago I started teaching theater full time, and that’s a rare gift,” she said. “I feel so blessed that I was in a school system that supported that, that Owensboro Public Schools supports the arts and supports the opportunities for our students. I wouldn’t have had that somewhere else. “So to be able to teach what I love full time, to offer all of these opportunities to students who love it as well, has just been a real gift. And I’ve shared it with my three children. All three were theater students.” Greer said her children played a key role in her success. “They grew up in this

building; they were always here with me and so supportive,” she said. “There is no way I could have been as successful as I have been with this program and been as busy and active as we’ve been if it hadn’t been for the support of my children.” Greer said every class she’s had made an impact on the theater program, but there are two moments that stand out for her because of what was accomplished. In 2006, the Rose Curtain Players performed “Anatomy of Gray,” which claimed the state competition and allowed the troupe to take it to the Southeastern Theatre Conference and the International Thespian Festival. “That was our first time competing and moving into that world, and for us to be so successful with a very, very special play and a very special group of people, that is one that really sticks with me,” said Greer, who also cited RCP’s win at the 2012 Southeastern Theatre Conference with the new play “Among Friends and Clutter.” “That gave us opportunities to do brand new pieces.” Greer said patience is a

must have to be a successful theater teacher. But that’s not the only requirement. “You have to have the desire to create,” she said. “You have to be imaginative. You can’t do a play if you don’t have an idea behind it or an imagination. You have to be patient with yourself and you have to be patient with the kids. You have to use your imagination, you have to use their imaginations, and you have to be open to collaboration. “I think collaboration is probably the biggest thing. You can’t run a theater program and direct plays without having a collaborative spirit.” While Greer’s career with OHS’ theater program is coming to an end, she’s far from being done with theater. “In two weeks I have auditions for “Romeo and Juliet” for Bluegrass Community Theater, and I also direct ‘Voices of Elmwood,’ ” she said. “Those are already in the works. Then I’ll be looking for a part-time job. “But I still have my hand in doing theater. I don’t want to ever walk away from theater completely.”

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posts, began on April 17 in Bowling Green and then picked back up this week — April 21-25. King said “Cover the Cruiser” was started five years ago as a replacement to the Torch Run, which was cancelled because of the Covid-19 pandemic. The Torch Run has since returned and “Cover the Cruiser” was kept as an extra way to aid and promote SOKY. Thursday’s campaign in Owensboro ran from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. “It can vary from \$1,000 to \$3,000 in a several hour period,” said King about how much is raised from the single event. “Now, when you do that with all the 16 other posts, it adds up and that helps Special Olympics Kentucky.” Athletes and representatives from SOKY were

visible and greeting those who came to donate. Kim Johnson, who’s the Daviess County SOKY coordinator and SOKY Area 2 director, said the money raised in Owensboro will help pay for such necessities as venue rentals and game officials. “We offer 15 different sports year round and we serve over 11,000 athletes across the state; here locally, we have about 200 who participate,” said Johnson, who’s been working with SOKY for 36 years. “...It’s my passion project.” This marks thesecond year Audubon Federal Credit Union has hosted the “Cover the Cruiser” campaign. Previously, the event was held at a local convenience store and a restaurant. Jessica Higdon, Audubon Federal Credit Union’s CEO, said the credit union also had space to bring in other

nonprofits and a food truck to help make it an even larger public draw. “We want to bring out as many people as we can, and we love doing this,” Higdon said. “Special Olympics is a great organization, and community involvement is on top of our radar constantly. ... Just being able to provide a good space ... we have a huge parking lot and a huge front lawn.” Higdon added that she has a nephew who lost a leg last year in an accident, putting him in a position to become an athlete in SOKY. “If we could host it every year in honor of my nephew, I would absolutely love it,” Higdon said. “So that’s what it means to me to have it here.” The final leg of the Law Enforcement Torch Run will lead up to the opening of the SOKY Summer Games on June 6, in the Capitol Rotunda in Frankfort.

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those 300 donors to try to help the nonprofit reach its donation goals. “I am so thankful for Nikki,” said Wilson. “I wish I had 100 more people like her who are willing to throw fundraisers for us. We are going to count every food sale as a Gideon donor and believe that we will finally hit our goal this year.”

Basham said that she and her mom, a retired police officer who helps run the food truck, love to “help people who are helping people.” “I love working with Friends of Sinners because I appreciate what they are doing for our community,” Basham said. “I support their mission and that’s why we’ve been trying to help them out by gathering donations while we are able.” Basham said that 100% of the proceeds from sales

and tips on the day of the Yard Party will be donated to FOS. “The guys will also have Friends of Sinners merch and changes to purchase 50/50 raffle tickets during the Yard Party,” Basham said. A 50/50 raffle works by selling raffle tickets and then half of the proceeds from the ticket sales will be awarded as a prize to whoever holds the winning ticket after the raffle drawing. According to the organi-

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Daviess Fiscal Court

During its meeting Thursday at the Daviess County Courthouse, Daviess Fiscal Court took the following actions:

- Proclaimed April, 24, 2025, as Owensboro Community & Technical College Day
- Heard treasurer’s report for March, 2025
- Approved minutes of April 10, 2025, Daviess County Fiscal Court meeting
- Approved all claims for all departments
- Approved resolution 08-2025 and Fiscal Year 2026 County Road Aid Cooperative Agreement
- Approved amendment No. 1 to the Health Services Agreement with Southern Health Partners, Inc for the Daviess County Detention Center
- Approved Owensboro Regional Recovery CDBG Grant Evidentiary Documents: Legally Binding Agreement, Written Assurances Letter
- Approved renewing Bid No. 2223-58.2: Coated Corrugated Culvert Pipe (Annual)
- Approved awarding Bid No. 2425-75: County Uniforms (Annual)
- Approved awarding Bid No. 2425-76: Ready Mix Concrete (Annual)
- Approved awarding Bid No.

2425-78: Wood Grinding Services (Annual)

- Approved awarding RFQ No. 2425-83: Two (2) New Christmas Lights Displays (Parks)
- Approved promoting Gavin Cecil to Crew Leader effective 4/27/2025
- Approved promoting Jerry Martin to Solid Waste Heavy Equipment Operator I effective 5/11/2025
- Approved hiring Dennis Fischer as Temporary Convenience Center Attendant effective 4/21/2025
- Approved hiring Josh Crowe as Truck Driver I effective 4/27/2025
- Approved hiring Markus Magan as Solid Waste Laborer I effective 4/27/2025
- Approved hiring Barry Dennis as Service Technician effective 5/11/2025
- Approved reclassifying Haley Root as Scale Operator at the Landfill effective 5/11/2025
- Approved reclassifying Jake Westerman as Scale Operator at the Transfer Station effective 5/11/2025
- Approved reappointing Paul West (SIT — Jointly Appointed) to the Owensboro-Daviess County Building Code Appeals Board effective 5/1/2025 through 4/30/2029

Recycling project begins at Saunders Spring

Green River, girl scout troop partner with Radcliff Parks and Recreation

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It was a simple, unpretentious way of celebrating Earth Day, but one organizers hope sparks a renewed interest in recycling. Radcliff area Girl Scout troops, Green River Waste and the City of Radcliff Parks and Recreation Department gathered Tuesday afternoon at Saunders Springs Nature Preserve to unveil a new partnership. Ericka Carter ventured out of the office of Green River Waste to participate. Carter is the office manager and customer service representative at the Radcliff office. Green River is providing recycling receptacles at Saunders Springs in an effort to keep the nature preserve naturally attractive for all who visit.

“We’re really excited to partner with the community and help out,” Carter said, who does her part at home as a recycler. One large recycling receptacle is mounted to a post near the welcome center restrooms at Saunders Springs. A second large one is at the Scout camp and two smaller receptacles will be available at the center during events held at the nature preserve, especially the various races held there. Visitors, bikers, hikers and nature-lovers are asked to recycle plastics, aluminum and glass bottles. “Really, the best thing to do is make sure it’s free of all food products,” Parks and Recreation Director Rebekah Kammeyer said. When cleaning up at Saunders Springs, Kam-



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Noah Carter, from left, Christine Carman, Ericka Carter, Barbara Baker, Rebekah Kammeyer, Cathy Dinsmore and Vince Carman pitch recyclables into a bin Tuesday afternoon at Saunders Springs Nature Preserve in Radcliff. A recycling partnership has been created between Green River Waste, Radcliff area Girl Scout troops and the city’s Parks and Recreation Department to keep the nature preserve green and attractive to visitors.



Left: Radcliff Parks and Recreation Director Rebekah Kammeyer picks up a drinking straw Tuesday afternoon at Saunders Spring Nature Preserve. A black and yellow recycling bin has been provided by Green River Waste for hikers, bikers and nature-lovers to put their plastic bottles and aluminum cans. **Right:** Hikers, bikers and nature enthusiasts are encouraged to use this recycling receptacle donated by Green River Waste for plastic bottles and aluminum cans. It was unveiled Tuesday afternoon near the welcome center of Saunders Springs Nature Preserve.

meyer said they tend to find a lot of plastic water bottles, sports drink bottles and aluminum cans. “We wanted to be able to provide recycling bins to be able to help provide a greener environment,” Kammeyer said. Summer plans are to collaborate with Saunders Springs naturalist Barbara Baker to host classes on what is recyclable and the best way of recycling products for a greener Radcliff. “How we can help manage these issues and edu-

cate the public,” Kammeyer said. Girl Scout Troop 1083 is a third partner pitching in to help with recycling at the nature preserve. Girl Scouts will actually be the ones coming out on a regular basis ensuring plastics and aluminum are finding their way to their proper containers. “My girls are wanting to do more community work, and this is one of our first projects we have decided we want to do,” Troop Leader Cathy Dinsmore said.

donation on the Friends of Sinners website,” Wilson said. That website is friendsinners.org. Frogtown Food Truck serves items such as burgers, pulled pork sandwiches and nachos and hot dogs, along with unique offerings such as a mac and cheese bowl or mac and cheese nachos. The food truck participated in Owensboro’s Burger Week for 2025 with the Bourbon Bullfrog burger, an all-beef burger patty with

caramelized onions, melted smoked Gouda cheese, slathered with house-made burger sauce and sweet onion sauce, layered with bourbon bacon jam, pickled onions and crisp dill pickle chips on a soft potato roll. The burger selection is still listed on the truck’s menu. More information about Frogtown Food Truck, including the truck’s service schedule, can be found on the business’s Facebook page, Frogtown Foods.