

OH celebrates investments in community health

BY SCOTT HAGERMAN
MESSENGER-INQUIRER

Owensboro Health hosted "Owensboro Health Invests" on Thursday morning at Owensboro Health Regional Hospital, an event that highlighted the system's commitment to strengthening regional health.

OH outlined several components of its community investment strategy, including targeted grants, philanthropy and strategic community partnerships.

The event was capped by the announcement of the 17 organizations that received 2026 Community Health Investments funding that totaled \$265,544.88 in grants.

"Owensboro Health is proud to support our communities in a wide variety of ways, from financial investments to shared resources and strategic collaborations," said Dr. James Tidwell, OH's vice president of Population Health. "Partnering with our communities is one of the Owensboro Health Way Strategic Imperatives, and we work as a team across many departments to fulfill this vital

function.

"By working together with our community partners, we can accomplish even bigger goals to improve the health of our region."

Laura Chapman, a member of the Owensboro Health Board of Directors and chair of its Community Investment Committee, said more than \$1 million in grant requests were received, which made it a "challenging" task to match requests with available resources.

"I say it's a challenge only because we love the work that our nonprofits are doing in our community, and we would love to meet every request, but as we all know, resources are limited," Chapman said. "I would like to thank all of the nonprofits that are represented here today. You all do the hard work every day, supporting the mission of your organizations, and thank you for the opportunity for allowing Owensboro Health to come along side you to support your mission, and to impact the priority health needs of our community and the social determinants of health.

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we love coming along side you to improve our community. Thank you for that opportunity."

Tidwell and Debbie Zuerner, OH's director of community engagement, discussed population health initiatives and investments made, as Tidwell noted that "we're very grateful to our senior leadership team who has allocated some budgeted dollars that we can use to identify organizations who are trying to meet needs that align with those needs we have identified in our community through a needs assessment. Among those is food insecurity, mental health, as well as a focus on seniors."

To help meet those needs, Tidwell said Owensboro Health has donated \$100,000 each to the Green River Community Food Warehouse and the Senior Center of Owensboro-Daviess County. OH also donated \$40,000 to area food pantries last fall, and it will repeat the same amount this year.

"We have a tremendous human resource team here at Owensboro Health, and they lead the charge on an

employee giving campaign in the fall that we call OH Gives," Zuerner said. "I can tell you, in a few weeks the HR team will be traveling around to various food pantries to make another investment, and that comes from our employees. In the fall, we have a silent auction, T-shirt sales, and there was over \$50,000 raised just alone with that endeavor, and that goes back into the food pantries.

"I think we could be here all day in looking at various ways throughout the entire system that we're investing in our communities. We just thought it was so important this morning to share that with you. We are addressing food insecurity, we are trying to listen to what the needs are."

Tracy Naylor, executive director of the Owensboro Health Foundation, said the role it plays is to "help" heal the sick.

She said the system's philanthropic arm is always looking for "investments of time, talent and treasure to bring back into healthcare system ... so that we can walk alongside all of you all in this work in our communities and

have an impact that's a sliver of the pie, but it's a little piece that hopefully helps makes things just a little bit better."

Naylor said the foundation takes an individual focus to care, as well as looking at needs through systemic and organizational lenses. To that point, she announced a mobile mammography unit is coming soon to the healthcare system.

"You'll soon see in April we've made a \$1 million investment to put a mobile mammography unit out into the communities that we serve," Naylor said. "That's through the generosity of donors who have supported and believe in women's services, and they want to make sure that access to care is available.

"That unit will be out all across our communities, making it one less step for a woman to have that mammogram that could be the thing that saves her life."

Brian Hamby, OH's director of marketing, talked about how the healthcare system reaches the community through sponsorships, which includes art competitions, educational events, athletic

events, fairs and festivals and nonprofit organizations.

He noted as an example that every Friday night OH has a marketing team at a high school football or basketball game, where it tosses footballs and T-shirts into the crowd.

"It's more than just an investment, it's more than just fun — we're building relationships in our community," Hamby said. "We do as much as we can to support as many great causes and organizations as we can."

Tidwell noted that in addition to the large grants announced Thursday, Owensboro Health has distributed \$53,000 in mini grants thus far this fiscal year, which ends May 31, and current grant investments for the FY total \$539,355.70.

"Even with 5,000 incredible, dedicated team members, we know we can't do this alone," said Mark Marsh, OH president and CEO. "Healthcare doesn't happen in isolation. It happens in partnership — with employees, schools, nonprofits and community leaders. It truly takes all of us to make this region thrive and succeed."

Thrill of a time: TWO to present 'Dial 'M' for Murder'

BY FREDDIE BOURNE
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The themes of betrayal, deception, greed and jealousy will be on display starting last Friday night at 7:30 p.m. on the Trinity Centre stage as Theatre Workshop of Owensboro presents its production of Frederick Knott's melodrama "Dial 'M' for Murder."

The crime thriller, written and directed by Knott following his service in the British Royal Artillery during World War II, first premiered as a 90-minute special on BBC Television in March 1952 before being presented on the West End in London that June.

The show would eventually make its way overseas to Broadway audiences that October at the Plymouth Theatre.

Two years later, the play was adapted for film by Alfred Hitchcock, with the cast including the likes of Grace Kelly, Ray Milland and Robert Cummings — becoming a box office success, earning over \$6 million worldwide.

Todd Reynolds, the director of the production and TWO's most-recent former executive

director, decided to suggest the title to the organization's board after reminiscing about his prior experience working on a previous production of the show.

"We did this show ... in the late 70s or early 80s, probably in my first few years in the organization; and of course back then, I was way too bashful to get on stage — so it was all tech," Reynolds said. "I saw this show — every performance, right up in the booth (running) lights for it — and loved it.

"It was just one of those (shows) that built tension well and told a good story, really had to pay attention like most good mysteries," Reynolds continued. "And this isn't necessarily a mystery, because you know pretty (quickly) what the score is"

The play details the story of Tony Wendice, a retired professional tennis player, who plots to murder his wealthy wife, Margot, after discovering she is having an affair.

However, all does not go according to what was anticipated.

"It's a play about infidelity, revenge, greed and sociopathic behavior — and all of those

things," Reynolds said. "It's a very intricate web that they wove.

"It's about when things don't go as planned, you improvise," Reynolds said. "And things go awry, and so now the bad guy has to think on his feet and make lemonade out of lemons that the situation hands him."

Kristan Settle, who portrays Margot — the sole female character in the play, describes her character as "strong in her own right."

"(The show is based) in the 1950s, so women had a different role than what most have today. They were not able to speak as freely as I think we are today, so that's been a little bit of a challenge — just taking note where

Margot pauses in the script; that's her not knowing what to say but her not being able to say what she really wants," Settle said. "... It's really digging deeper into the script and the meaning behind those subtle clues that she gives that she is smarter than she appears to be."

While the play includes heavy subject matter, Settle said she and the rest of the cast have built a strong camaraderie and foundation throughout the rehearsal process.

"This is an all-star cast," she said. "... Everyone's on their A-game. Everyone's been off book for weeks. We're just ready to put this thing on

"Honestly, we've all kind of become like a family," Settle

added.

Raye Bartlett, the production's stage manager, finds the show to be an engaging watch.

"It kind of snowballs and picks up pace. Early in the play it's more expositional (and) you're getting a lot of background information, and then it starts to pick up," Bartlett said. "By the end of the show, it's just rolling and it's one thing after another, and you're finding out a new fact every second and piecing it all together."

Additionally, Bartlett feels the play "keeps you guessing and there's never a moment where you're not trying to figure something out."

"I think that's just the key to a really good murder

mystery — is that you're always trying to puzzle something," she said, "and it gives you just enough to keep you satisfied."

"Dial 'M' for Murder" will also be presented at Trinity at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, followed by three additional showings at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 20-21 and 2 p.m. Feb. 22.

The show is sponsored by Robynn Clark of Edward Jones and Bryan Reynolds of Reynolds & Associates, with the 2025-26 season sponsored by Owensboro Health.

Tickets may be purchased online at theatreworkshop.org or by contacting the box office at 270-683-5333 between 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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adding eight rebounds. Larkin followed with 19 points and seven rebounds, going 6-of-9 from the floor and 7-of-12 at the line. Miller scored 16 points, connecting on four three-pointers, while Wagner added 11 points and five rebounds.

Level contributed 10 points and eight rebounds, and Linley Mincy scored six points on 3-of-4 shooting. Karla Burden added three points on a three-pointer, and several other players contributed on the boards, including Brown with five rebounds.

The balanced scoring and rebounding effort allowed McLean County to build separation in the second half and secure the victory.

SENIOR LEADERSHIP

McLean County's success this season has also been shaped by the steady presence of its two seniors, Kenadi Level and Ragan Brown.

Level has appeared in 25 games this season and is averaging seven points per contest while knocking down approximately one three-pointer per game. Beyond the scoring numbers, Level plays a central role in McLean County's defensive identity. She is often assigned to pressure opposing ball handlers and help initiate the traps and defensive rotations that fuel the Lady Cougars' transition game. In close situations, Level frequently

handles the ball and helps organize the offense, providing composure and structure late in games. Her experience and understanding of the system have been consistent elements throughout the season. Kenadi will graduate from MCHS as the all-time leader in charges taken for the Lady Cougars.

Brown has also appeared in 25 games and provides a different dimension with her size and length. Standing 6-foot-3, Brown gives McLean County a true interior presence on both ends of the floor. While still developing her overall game, she has contributed with rebounding, rim protection and interior scoring opportunities. Brown has recorded at least one blocked shot in every game she has appeared in this season and has led the team in rebounding on multiple occasions. Her presence allows the Lady Cougars to alter defensive looks and control the paint in ways few teams in the region can match.

LOOKING AHEAD

With the regular season nearing its conclusion, McLean County will travel to Crittenden County on Friday, Feb. 20, before turning its focus to postseason play. By securing first place in the district standings, the Lady Cougars have positioned themselves for a strong start in tournament competition.

At 18-8, McLean County has already matched a decade-best win total and will look to continue building on that foundation as district tournament play begins.



LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that **Pollard Management Group of Kentucky, LLC**, 483 Lamb Road, Madisonville, Kentucky 42431 has applied for **Phase II bond release on Increment 3 of Permit No. 875-8003**, which was last issued on 7 January 2026 (Permit No. 875-8003 MI-11). The application covers a total area of 97.0 acres located approximately three miles north of Sacramento in McLean County. The permit area and this increment are located at the junction of KY 2385 and Whobry Road, and west of Pond Drain. The bond now in effect for Increment 3 is Bond #SUR0067561 in the amount of \$403,500. Approximately 33.1% (\$133,700) of the current bond amount of \$403,500 is included in the application for release. For the Phase II release on Increment 3, the following steps have been completed: (1) Re-vegetation has been established in accordance with the approved reclamation plan and the standards for success of revegetation have been met. (2) The lands are not contributing suspended solids to stream flow or runoff outside the permit area or increment in excess of regulatory requirements. (3) The provisions for sound future management of permanent impoundments have been implemented. These reclamation requirements were completed in September 2025. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by Friday, **20 March 2026**. A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for Tuesday, **24 March 2026 at 9:00 A.M.** at the Kentucky Department for Natural Resources (KDNR), Madisonville Regional Office, 625 Hospital Drive, Madisonville, Kentucky 42431-1683. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by Friday, **20 March 2026**.

This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of today's date.



LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

Second reading of a proposed ordinance amending the McLean County budget for fiscal year 2026, to include unanticipated receipts from various funds in the amount of \$830,624.99 and increasing expenditures in various funds will be held on February 26th, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

A copy of the proposed ordinance with full text is available for public inspection at the office of the McLean County Judge/Executive during normal business hours.

Ordinance: 26.2 20/100 **MCLEAN COUNTY FISCAL COURT** **Amendment: 00000001**
 AN ORDINANCE relating to the annual budget and amendment thereof. Whereas McLean County, Kentucky has realized unbudgeted receipts. Be it ordained by McLean County of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Section One: Current Fiscal Year: 2025 - 2026
 The budget for the Current Fiscal Year is amended to: Increase / Decrease the receipts of the following fund(s) to include unbudgeted receipts from:

A. Revenues				
Fund	Account	Description	Amount	
General	01-4102-	TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES	22,691.71	
General	01 4503- A	FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT	145,846.49	
Jail	03-4533-	STATE/JAIL ALLOTMENT	176.20	
Road	02-4542-	FEMA REIMBURSEMENT	40,173.10	
Jail	03-4567-	HB 413 JAIL COURT FEES	29.58	
General	01-4699-	SHERIFF ORDINANCE 00.220-8	140.00	
General	01-4727- G	MYER CREEK PARK UTILITIES REIMB	608.75	
General	01-4732-	REVOLVING LOAN RECEIPTS	2,683.75	
OPIOID	74-4760-	NAT'L OPIOID REVENUE	96,613.25	
General	01-4799-	OTHER RECEIPTS	58,039.04	
Road	02-4799-	OTHER RECEIPTS/ MISCELLANEOUS	48,510.38	
LGEA	04-4799-	OTHER RECEIPTS	494.34	
Ambulance	09-4799-	OTHER RECEIPTS GRANT	3,515.00	
911	80-4799-	OTHER RECEIPTS	125.80	
CENTRAL FIR	85-4799-	MISCELLANEOUS	374,793.11	
CTY CLK STC	75-4801-	INTEREST EARNED	111.51	
Ambulance	09-4806-	BANK ACCOUNT EARNED INTEREST	220.03	
OPIOID	74-4806-	NAT'L OPIOID INTEREST	1,728.47	
General	01-4901-	SURPLUS FROM PRIOR YEAR	1,845.00	
Road	02-4901-	SURPLUS FROM PRIOR YEAR	2,674.26	
LGEA	04-4901-	SURPLUS FROM PRIOR YEAR	19,096.34	
CTY CLK STC	75-4901-	PRIOR YEAR SURPLUS	2,241.66	
WESTERN FI	84-4901-	PRIOR YEAR SURPLUS	7.53	
EASTERN FI	86-4901-	EASTERN FIRE PRIOR YEAR SURPLUS	6,078.21	
SE FIRE FUND	88-4901-	PRIOR YEAR SURPLUS	2,020.48	
WESTERN FI	84-4903-	PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENT	161.00	
Total Amended Revenues			830,624.99	
B. Approp.				
Fund	Account	Description	Amount	
General	01-5005-573-	CO ATTY PHONE	300.00	
General	01-5010-573-	COUNTY CLERK PHONE	1,000.00	
CTY CLK STC	75-5010-540-	COUNTY CLK STORAGE FEES EXPENSE	2,353.17	
LGEA	04-5015-429-	SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FUEL	3,000.00	
General	01-5025-445-	FISCAL COURT, OFFICE SUPPLIES	5,000.00	
General	01-5025-569-	MAGISTRATE-CONFERENCE EXPENSES	3,000.00	
General	01-5040-573-	CO. TREASURER PHONE	400.00	
General	01-5080-586-	COURTHOUSE/PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	100,000.00	
Ambulance	09-5140-586-	BUILDING MAINTENANCE	3,735.03	
General	01-5231-334-	HEALTH DEPARTMENT BLDG MAINTENANCE	3,000.00	
General	01-5305-586-	SR SVC BUILDING MAINTENANCE	3,000.00	
General	01-5305-356-	SENIOR CONGREGATE MEAL EXPENSE	1,000.00	
General	01-5305-578-	SR SVC UTILITIES	500.00	
General	01-5401-578-	MYER CREEK PARK UTILITIES	5,000.00	
OPIOID	74-9100-515-	NAT'L OPIOID EXPENDITURES	98,341.72	
General	01-9200-999-	RESERVE FOR TRANSFERS	109,654.74	
Road	02-9200-999-	RESERVE FOR TRANSFERS	91,357.74	
Jail	03-9200-999-	RESERVE FOR TRANSFERS	205.78	
LGEA	04-9200-999-	RESERVE FOR TRANSFERS	16,590.68	
911	80-9200-999-	RESERVE FOR TRANSFERS	125.80	
WESTERN FI	84-9200-999-	RESERVE FOR TRANSFER	168.53	
CENTRAL FI	85-9200-999-	RESERVE FOR TRANSFER	374,793.11	
EASTERN FI	86-9200-999-	RESERVE FOR TRANSFER	6,078.21	
SE FIRE FUND	88-9200-999-	RESERVE FOR TRANSFER	2,020.48	
Total Amended Expenditures			830,624.99	