



# New safety building set for Load

## Fire, ambulance, community space are in the plans

GREENUP – A major construction project is coming to Load in the very near future. The announcement was made at the February fiscal court meeting.

“We, the Greenup County Fiscal Court, in conjunction with the Load Volunteer Fire Department board of trustees and the Greenup County Ambulance Authority, are excited to announce that we will be constructing a public safety building to serve both the fire department and ambulance authority,” he said.

The new building will be on the site of the current fire department building, which is

showing its age.

“For many years, our first responders serving this area have worked from outdated facilities,” Hall said. “This very much needed project will represent a long-awaited investment in the safety of our residents and community.”

Garth Wireman, chief of the Load Fire Department, says he is thrilled that this is finally happening.

“We’ve been working on this for 12, 13 years,” he said. “The fire department board has been fiscally responsible and we’ve been saving money to get this done. The fiscal court will also be helping in some



Present for the announcement last week were commissioner Lee Wireman, Tony Water assistant chief for the Load department; Adam Rhoden, fire department treasurer; Garth Wireman, Load Fire Department chief; Judge-Executive Bobby Hall; Cindy Dean and Kevin Callihan of the ambulance authority; and commissioners Derrick Bradley and Ernie Duty.

areas.”

Wireman said the new building will contain space for community use, since the fire department building has tradi-

tionally been used as a gathering place by area residents.

“We’re excited to get this done and to continue to serve our community in every way,”

he added.

No construction start date has been set as bids are being accepted at the present time.



Mayor Tony Wilson swears in the city's new police Chief, Donnie Inskeep, at the February council meeting.

# Raceland swears in first new police chief in 40 years

RACELAND – The Raceland City Council welcomed the new city police chief at its monthly meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 10.

Donnie Inskeep was sworn in by Mayor Tony Wilson. He steps into the office after the retirement of longtime chief Don Sammons.

“We’re really glad to have Donnie,” Wilson said. “He started here at Raceland and moved on to Flatwoods and Russell, and now he’s back. He brings 30 years of experience with him.”

City administrator Dustin Burchett reported that the biggest problems for the public works department last month were battling with water leaks and keeping the roads clear. He said a huge amount of salt was used and supplies are now low. He

made that report because the public works department was out battling yet another leak.

“Our guys did a great job working day in and day out,” he said. “They had to work in some terrible conditions but they got it done.”

He also said the new restaurant next to the city building, The Roost, is holding interviews and that is expected to open in March. He also reported on progress at the new SOMC building site.

The police department reported 319 calls, 59 of which were medical-related. As to the fire department, an application for a grant for bunker gear has been made and the station is being organized for maximum efficiency.

# Russell students learn about real estate

## Basics of buying and selling include tours

RUSSELL – On Thursday, Feb. 12, Russell High School students got a taste of how real estate works.

Russell Area Technology Center’s Business students and Gifted Program met with The Ashland Area Board of Realtors and eight lenders from multiple banks in the area to learn all aspects of the home buying process.

The young moguls discussed building credit scores, debt to income ratios, down payments and lending terms.

They toured homes in the Flatwoods and Bellefonte areas to understand the market and properties and how to go about obtaining the American dream through home ownership.

The professionals shared career opportunities in real estate and finance and taught the students how to get creative with flipping homes, construction and multi-unit rental properties.

“Our Future Business Leaders of America came back ready to ‘get grinding’ on home ownership,” said Melissa Wilburn, a Russell Area Technology Center teacher. “It was the second day of a three-part personal finance series. On day 1, students met with Eric Baker from Edward Jones to discuss investing.”

All of these professionals are coming back to the classroom in a few weeks to play Monopoly with the finance students to discuss strategic asset acquisition.



Students from the Russell business and gifted programs toured homes as part of learning about real estate.



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