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## CCCDC works with senior design students

By **TIM HENDRICK**  
The News-Democrat

Carroll County Community Development Corporation executive director Matt Adkins reached out to the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment to be a part of a community design project.

Community and Economic Development Initiative of Kentucky (CEDIK) partners with community to provide assistance in planning, economic development and design through the Landscape Architecture Department

The seniors in the program began work at the beginning of the fall semester to create designs for their vision of what Carrollton could look like. There were three teams of students that created a design plan for

primarily downtown Carroll with most of the focus starting with Point Park. One team took a different route and looked at how to get visitors from the interstate to downtown.

The students visited Carrollton on Bands and BBQ weekend and also took a canoe float down the Kentucky River from Lock #1 to the Ohio River boat dock

Starting this week and for the following two weeks The News-Democrat will present the ideas and designs for each of the three groups of students.

### Cultivating Carrollton

The first group of students were Zoe Sermersheim from Louisville, Donnie Thornton from Nicholasville and Katie Davis from Louisville. Katie and Zoe were on a traditional education track but

Donnie was on a non-traditional track after serving 20 years in the U.S. Army.

“We had a countdown from five,” Thornton said, “the five senses, through all four seasons, connecting all three of the parks, the two rivers and one Carrollton. We wanted to activate the senses with a sensory garden, hearing and touching the water.”

“We wanted to get back to the roots of Carrollton,” Davis said. “The main idea of where the two rivers meet but it was not the focus from what we saw. There were not many opportunities to access the river other than the boat ramps. There is not any place to rent a canoe or kayak or for easy launching onto either river. There is not an easy connect back to the river”

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Cultivating Carrollton created a master plan from the confluence of the Kentucky and Ohio Rivers up the Lock #1 on the Kentucky River.

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# CCCDC

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Thornton said the idea was to activate the senses with a sensory garden that has a pond, hearing the wildlife through funnels to amplify the sound, hearing the wildlife including insects, touching the water and the sight and smell of the colorful flowers.

Sermersheim said they started with Point Park which meant focusing on flooding.

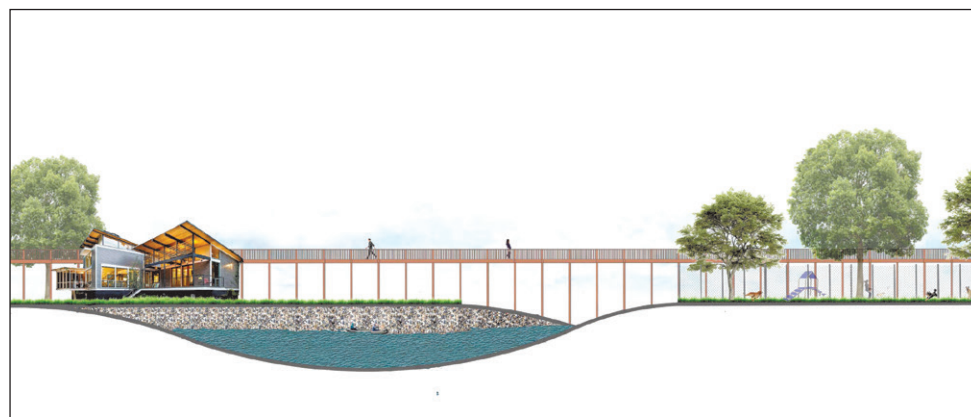
Their ideas were elevated walking paths for year round access, creating biodiversity areas to help manage the flooding, riparian areas. They were going to cut into the lines and create a soft launching area for canoes and kayaks.

Near the confluence they looked at putting in a brewery that was elevated with the walking paths leading up to the brewery.

Sermersheim said people find their way to General Butler State Resort Park but not to downtown and Point Park. The plan they presented makes downtown and Point Park look more inviting.

The team considered the one thing Point Park has that the state park does not have: a view of the water.

They designed a series of tree houses for a camping experience that provides the view of the water. The elevated trails bring you to the entrance of the tree houses so there is no climbing to get into the camping units. Flooding would not affect the tree houses.



Photos Submitted by Cultivating Carrollton

The design has elevated walkways about the flood levels to circle around Point Park.

Below the tree houses would be a horseback riding experience with separate horse trails, walking trails, the sensory gardens, and a nature center with a green roof with a play area behind the center.

Their plan also includes a marina near the campground and a proposed community garden.

Davis said they would like to include a driftwood version of the giants on display at Bernheim Forest and a scavenger hunt of smaller driftwood items throughout the park.

As part of the sensory experience they have included an amphitheater for music and the visual arts.

Cultivating Carrollton looked at ways of connecting the parks with a goal of reopening Lock Road to pedestrian traffic to make an easier connection to the county park.

Implementation of the design would be an term term development plan requiring some outside investment.



This is an elevated view of the small inlet created for soft launching of canoes and kayaks on the Ohio River.



The design called for treehouse to be closer to the Lock #1. They would be above flood level and have a elevated walkway for a zero entry.

# Moser files measure to cover cancer biomarker screenings

By Tom Latek  
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – A northern Kentucky state lawmaker introduced legislation on Monday that would increase access to cancer biomarker testing, which she says can help determine the best treatment plan for a specific patient.

The bill is sponsored by Rep. Kim Moser, R-Taylor Mill, a medical professional herself, who says despite its benefits, access to biomarker testing has not kept pace with the rate of innovation due to several barriers, including lack of coverage by private health insurance and Medicaid programs.

“Nearly 60% of all cancer drugs approved in the last five years require or recommend biomarker testing,” she said during a Capitol press conference announcing the measure. “Currently, Kentucky is in the bottom ten states for biomarker testing coverage. This bill will change that by greatly expanding biomarker testing coverage so more patients can utilize this life-saving tool. Biomarker testing is an essential step toward improving cancer outcomes.”

Dr. Doug Flora of St. Elizabeth Healthcare noted, “As an Oncologist and Hematologist, I strongly believe in the value of biomarker testing. Access to these tests remains a barrier for many patients. I am passionate about mak-

ing biomarker testing more accessible so that all patients can benefit from the precision medicine approach and receive the best possible care.”

Other advocates for the legislation call biomarker testing an essential step in accessing precision medicine treatments.

“Dubbed ‘the right treatment at the right time,’ precision medicine has played a critical role in improving cancer outcomes,” said Doug Hogan, spokesman for the American Cancer Society’s Cancel Action Network. “I look forward to working with the rest of the legislature to pass this critical legislation.”

Leah Phillips of Oldham County, a cancer survivor, says biomarker testing was probably the single most important factor in her quality of life and longevity.

“When I was diagnosed with lung cancer as someone who has never smoked, biomarker testing was suggested to help choose the most effective treatment plan. The testing revealed that I have a genetically driven cancer that has a target therapy drug, which has allowed me to live a near normal life for the past three years and hopefully for many more. Without appropriate and consistent insurance coverage, cancer patients may not be able to afford the biomarker testing they need to save their lives.”

Moser added, this is the first time such legislation has been introduced in the General Assembly, and it’s time Kentucky was on the cutting edge.



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## Student-run greenhouse provides food for cafeteria

By Jennifer Willhoite  
Carroll County Schools

Carroll County High School senior Peyton Murray orchestrates the growing of hundreds of heads of lettuce in a hydroponic greenhouse, all of which is used in the CCHS cafeteria.

Murray works in the greenhouse as a co-op with agriculture teacher Mackenzie Wright. She offered him the opportunity after he took a food production class last year and worked in the greenhouses. "I took her up on the offer because I thought it would be a good opportunity for work experience," he said, noting he might pursue a career in food agriscience or as a butcher.

The lettuce is grown on three large tables consisting of 300 squares for the seed pods. One pod will generate one head of lettuce. Murray is also trying to grow cherry tomatoes, but they are not faring as well. The tomatoes are grown in 5 gallon buckets with clay pebbles. Neither process requires soil, but the pH and conductivity levels have to be monitored and adjusted daily.

"If every table were to be successful we

would get 900 heads of lettuce," he said. Each week he harvests one half of a table and rotates the collection of the lettuce. A typical harvest yields 150 heads of lettuce, all of which is funneled directly to the high school cafeteria.

Last year the greenhouse was aided by a koi pond, but that wasn't possible this year because he didn't have anyone to help. "You need a morning and afternoon person to take care of them and I could only tend to them in the afternoon," Murray said. The nutrients produced by the fish were filtered and used to help grow the plants previously.

The hydroponic greenhouse has been producing lettuce for the majority of the school year. Murray explained that it takes about seven weeks for the Rockwool starter plugs to become ready for their first harvest, which was around October.

His goal is to grow other vegetables, such as cucumbers or regular size tomatoes. "We can grow practically anything," he said. "I definitely think we can expand our variety. Really, I would like to be able to provide more."



Photo submitted by Jennifer Willhoite

CCHS senior Peyton Murray examines lettuce grown in the school's greenhouse. Murray works in the greenhouse as part of a co-op program with agriculture teacher Mackenzie Wright.

## Hazard mitigation maps updated

By TIM HENDRICK  
The News-Democrat

The Northern Kentucky Area Development District (NKADD) is coordinating a reincarnation of the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. This planning process includes input from representatives of various government departments, public agencies, and private citizens who serve on Hazard Mitigation Planning Committees.

Who does the Program Benefit / What are the Benefits?

The Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan benefits all participating jurisdictions in the NKADD geographical area that formally adopt the plan, as well as the citizens and businesses within those jurisdictions.

Hazards are a regional phenomenon and taking a regional, collaborative approach helps coordinate mitigation actions throughout the area. While the

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Carroll Police Chief Mike Willhoite, Carrollton Mayor Robb Adams and Councilperson Linda Jo Davis review the City of Carrollton map.

## Design focuses on the rivers

By TIM HENDRICK  
The News-Democrat

The second of the group designs for Carrollton from the UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment's Landscape Architecture come from the Ohio Riverway Studio. The studio is Felix Lowery of Jackson, Tenn. Leena Alghailani from Oman and Yasser Frandin Perez from Cuba.

The students' diversity is reflected in their design where alternative modes of transportation are more prominent.

The team of students said their main inspiration was the rivers and the lack of circulation in downtown.

Lowery said Carrollton has lots of potential and work with the flooding issues. The team raised paths, added water collection basins and designed to promote moveable businesses. She said there seemed to be hesitancy to invest in the downtown because it is in the flood plain.

Perez said how can downtown draw more people. He said one of the other groups had worked on bringing people downtown from the interstate but there has to be something downtown for them to do.

"The main idea was to connect the city by main points," Perez said. "Some of the ideas were bird watching, bicycle share stations (rental by swiping your credit card), creating bike lanes as they heard people would like to do more biking as well as kayaking or canoeing.

The team had designed bioretention

areas which can be used as educational tools when they are dry. They included some elevated walkways and made use of the empty lots for moveable businesses.

The design includes two small marinas, one by the campground and the second on the Ohio River for access to downtown.

Perez said they wanted to create more connection opportunities outside of the downtown area focusing on the other two parks, General Butler State Resort Park and Carroll County park.

Lowery said there was an elevated walking path at the confluence of the rivers, a five mile mountain bike trail, a 10 mile main multi use trail and a 13 mile secondary multi use path for walking and biking.

On the backside of Point Park they had areas designed to attract birds and tree houses for as part of a nature play area. Also included was a camping area near Lock 1 with kayak/canoe rental.

In the Point Park design Perez said there were many layers which makes it easier to implement the design in stages. It has to be inviting and they preserved the open lawn areas for events. Their design includes the current splash pad and the restrooms but a nature play area to the area.

Point Park has a lookout, a fishing dock next to the marina, a different boat launch location and an amphitheater behind businesses with sitting walls, and

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## Fiscal Court approves e-poll book purchase

By TIM HENDRICK  
The News-Democrat

Carroll County Fiscal Court passed a resolution for County Clerk Danielle Kinman to seek a \$22,100 reimbursement for new e-poll books needed for the upcoming primary in May.

The court adopted a motion in January allowing Kinman to order the items so they would arrive in time for the election. Kinman had said earlier that all Kentucky counties were having to purchase the e-poll books.

**Sheriff Settlement**  
Fiscal Court accepted the budget settlement from the Carroll County Sheriff's department.

Magistrate Scott Nab asked Chief Deputy Rob Miller to explain more about the department's drug account. Miller said

the drug account was assets seized during drug related investigations and arrests. The fund can only be used for patrol related items for the department. He said this past year funds from the account were used to purchase new patrol rifles and tasers for the department.

**Coroner request**  
County Judge-Executive David Wilhoite, a former county coroner, said changes in KRS statutes pertaining to the coroner's office allow the coroner's official work vehicles to have lights and sirens.

The lights would be on the two vehicles for the coroner's office. Personal vehicles owned by the coroner and the two deputies are not eligible for lights and sirens.

Fiscal court approved a request by Coroner Brent Stucker to outfit the two vehicles with lights and sirens.

**Letter of support**  
Wilhoite said he submitted a letter of support to the state for better Internet.

The Kentucky Office of Broadband Internet is hosting a series of listening sessions across the state. One will be in Florence on March 23 at 3:30 p.m. at the Northern Kentucky Area Development District office, 22 Spiral Drive, Florence.

**ARPA Funds**  
Nab asked how much funding was left of the county's APRA funds. Treasurer Debbie Cayton said approximately \$1,110,000 of funds have not been committed.

Nab said there had been

two vehicles requested for the Sheriff's department, a transportation vehicle for the jail and a vehicle for the senior citizens center.

Miller said two fully-equipped vehicles for the sheriff's office would cost \$63,000 each based on the state price contract quoted in late December and early January. The state contract dealer said 250 were being built this year and 110 were committed to the Kentucky State Police. He said they are holding two for Carroll County but they need the order officially placed.

Fiscal Court entered an executive session at the end of the meeting and upon returning asked that the group over-seeing the ARPA fund prepare three resolutions for the court. One for the Sheriff department

vehicles, one for a jail transport vehicle and one for a vehicle for the senior citizen's center.

**CCCCDC**  
Executive Director Matt Atkins followed up on a press release about a \$244 million expansion at North American Stainless that will create 70 new jobs and increase their total investment in the county to more than \$3 billion.

**Judge's comments**  
Wilhoite asked Fiscal Court to declare the following vehicles as surplus and place them for bid: 2008 Ford chassis ambulance, 2016 Ford chassis ambulance, 1991 International bucket truck, 1994 GMC 6500 series dump truck, 2005 Ford F350 4x4 pickup truck, 2002 Ford/

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# Senator Gex Williams' legislative update

## Senator Gex Williams

Lawmakers returned to Frankfort on Tuesday to reconvene following a constitutionally required break in the 2023 30-day legislative session.

We immediately got back to work, passing House Bill 1, which codifies the income tax reduction from 5 percent to 4.5 percent that went into effect on January 1. The bill lowers the income tax to 4 percent beginning on January 1, 2024. Additional tax reform, moving away from taxing production and more emphasis on consumption, not only keeps more money in wage earners' pockets but it builds on the record years of economic success in the commonwealth, primarily because of conservative, pro-business policies enacted by the Kentucky General Assembly.

Along with House Bill 1, the Senate passed House Bill 2 on Wednesday, which provides over \$16 million to support the construction of a new veterans center in Bowling Green. The center is the fifth in the state and will provide services to veterans in the south-central region. The need for this funding support is, unfortunately, partly because of high inflation, which has greatly increased the cost of construction.

I understand we all still bear the weight of high inflation and gas prices, but I am always happy to support our

veterans and the Republican supermajorities' commitment is to leave more money in your pocket because you know best how to spend your hard-earned income, not the government.

An issue that dominated the media and lawmakers' attention through the session's break involved the state Department of Juvenile Justice. I'm confident you have heard about and followed recent disturbing reports from within the DJJ system, including the sexual abuse of a 16-year-old girl in Adair County and the brutal assault of employees in Bowling Green. Much work is left to be done, but I'm happy to say some legislative efforts have prompted the executive branch to take action to better protect our detained youth.

First, in the 2022 interim, the Legislative Oversight and Investigations Statutory Committee and the Interim Judiciary Committee recommended that DJJ separate those inside facilities based on the severity of the offense and by gender. It's concerning these recommendations were only taken following the terrible story of Adair County's incident.

Nevertheless, the Senate initiated a DJJ working group which met extensively over the session's break. The workgroup communicated its recommendations to Governor Andy Beshear. Recommendations that have been met

as of this legislative update include: Provide 24/7 Kentucky State Police presence at facilities housing the most violent offenders; identify specific immediate, intermediate, and long-term resources needed to address the crisis and gaps in the law that can aid in the department's efforts; make trauma care available to staff and youth victims in DJJ facilities; develop and maintain a tracking notification system concerning the transportation and status of youth offenders so that parents, legal guardians, and law enforcement entities can be aware.

Still, lawmakers have made recommendations to the Governor that remain unmet, some of which could be the most meaningful. They are: Consider replacing department leaders who have failed to create a culture within DJJ where employees and youth can feel safe and begin a nationwide search for qualified replacements. The DJJ workgroup has concluded a toxic culture exists within the department that money alone could never repair; provide unfettered access to cabinet and department officials but, most importantly, the rank and file employees who have indicated fear of retaliation from those above them; allow for an independent inspection of DJJ facilities to determine if health and safety measures are up to expectation and if policies and procedures are being met; and explain failures to implement

past recommendations.

DJJ workgroup leaders outlined met and unmet recommendations during a press conference on February 2. They also formally requested the state auditor of public accounts to contract with an independent organization for a full audit of DJJ.

In closing, several legislative measures were introduced in week two, including an education-centric bill focused on strengthening parent voices in the school system, a bill ensuring the communist Chinese government cannot access state government information, and another addressing concerns with the state's power grid. Rest assured, your elected officials remain engaged in light of the rolling blackouts some Kentuckians have experienced this winter.

Senator Gex "Jay" Williams, R-Verona, represents the 20th Senate District, including Carroll, Franklin, Gallatin and Owen Counties, southern Boone County, and part of western Kenton County. Williams is Senate Education Committee vice chair and Budget Review Subcommittee on Justice and Judiciary co-chair. He also serves as a Senate Natural Resources and Energy; State and Local Government; Transportation and Veterans, Military Affairs and Public Protection committee member.

## RIVERS

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a parking lot close to the brewery.

The final piece to their design was to activate Main Street.

"Main Street went on a serious road diet," Lowery said, making it a complete street. We made it one way with wider sidewalks and bike lanes. Some parking was reserved and added storm drainage. It is a more pleasant walk with trees than on barren streets.

The design has a gravel plaza for food trucks and other temporary businesses.



Photos submitted

The Connecting Carrollton team from right Leena Alghailani, Yasser Frandlin Perez (seated) and Felix Lowery.



There is an elevated walkway spanning 0.5 miles at the confluence of the Kentucky and Ohio Rivers.



A street level view of Main Street.

# 31st District Tourney set

## Paxton Media Group

Carroll County's girls earned the No. 2 seed and Trimble County and Carroll County will square off in the boys bracket in the opening round when the 31st District Tournament kicks off on Monday, Feb. 20 at Trimble County.

Trimble County's boys earned the No. 4 seed and Carroll County the No. 5 and will meet in the opening round. The winner will take on top-seeded Owen County.

Carroll County's girls earned a bye to go with their No. 2 seed and will play the Gallatin County-Eminence winner in the semifinals. Trimble, the No. 4 seed, will take on No. 5 Henry County.

The championship game of both tournaments will be held on Friday, Feb. 24 with both the winner and runner-up advancing to the Eighth Region Tournament.

### 31st District Tourney Schedule

at Trimble County

Monday, Feb. 20

Game 1 (Girls) — Trimble Co. (9-16) vs. Henry Co. (7-19), 6 p.m.

Game 1 (Boys) — Trimble Co. (13-13) vs. Carroll Co. (6-18), 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 21

Game 2 (Girls) — Gallatin Co. (9-12) vs. Eminence (4-15), 6 p.m.

Game 2 (Boys) — Eminence (14-10) vs. Henry Co. (3-23), 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 22

Game 3 (Girls) — Game 1 winner vs. Owen Co. (17-7), 6 p.m.

Game 3 (Boys) — Game 1 winner vs. Owen Co. (19-7), 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 23

Game 4 (Girls) — Game 2 winner vs. Carroll Co. (12-14), 6 p.m.

Game 4 (Boys) — Game 2 winner vs. Gallatin Co. (11-14), 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 24

Championship (Girls) — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 6 p.m.

Championship (Boys) — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 7:30 p.m.

## FISCAL COURT

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New Holland tractor, 2006 Ford F250 pickup truck, 1996 tag along trailer; 2000 F750 Ford dump truck and a 1997 F800 Ford dump truck.

Also surplus at the Jan. 10 Fiscal Court meeting were a 1998 Chevrolet Lumina, 2002 Dodge Caravan for the senior citizens center, 2010 Chevy Tahoe, 1995 Ford Econoline van and 2006 Chevy Silverado.

The vehicles are located at the county garage.

Wilhoite also said the county is asking for bids for a skid steer loader, bucket truck and chipper and a hydraulic truck conveyor. Magistrate Benjie Long said an attachment for the skid steer loader would do the same thing as the hydraulic truck conveyor and not limit spreading gravel to one truck.

### Clean up days

Clean up days for cities located in the county are: Sanders, April 15; Ghent, April 22; Prestonville, April 29; English May 6; Worthville, May 13; and Easterday, May 20.

### Kysoc

Wilhoite said there are many events being held at Kysoc without Fiscal Court's permission. People are going there and having parties and activities and it is becoming a liability issue for the county. The magistrates suggested signage with the rules for using Kysoc posted.

Wilhoite said the pool should be filled in the next week or two. After confirming that everything works they will work on opening the pool to the public.

### Magistrate reports

Long said that Tom Town Road is in need of repairs. Assistant road department supervisor Jimmy Lewellyn said it will take a bunch of rock to fix the road.

Long said Camp Branch Road needs to be looked at. The mailbox for M&M Towing on U.S. 42 is falling due to the road caving and the mailbox will not

stay upright for mail delivery. Wilhoite said the ditch has been patched but still needs repairs.

Miller said the first curve on KY 389 past the junction of KY 55 is almost as bad as the stretch of KY 55 where a slide was repaired. He said they expect to have more accidents as the road condition deteriorates. Wilhoite said they informed the state highway department of the issue and their concerns.

Miller said he has a meeting with Kentucky State Police Post 5 today and will be asking them for notification when they start diverting traffic off the Interstate-71 for an emergency. Emergency management director Tony Crutcher said he has directions signs that can be used. Miller said by the time they know the traffic is coming it is almost too late for signage.

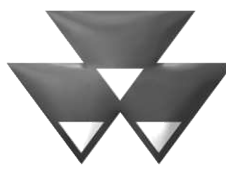
Crutcher said the emergency management committee is talking about the I-71 corridor, saying they do not have a good plan but are starting to work on it but cautioned it will take time.

Nab asked about the handrail on the corner of Jay Loudon Road and KY 227. Lewellyn said that was a state issue. The state garage will be notified that it needs to be removed from damage caused by a semi-truck that drove over it.

Nab asked about the pavement sliding at the intersection of Ladder Lane and Floyd Drive. Lewellyn said they currently cannot get any asphalt mix for a repair. A discussion ensued about limiting truck traffic through the intersection with truck traffic using Jay Loudon Road as it was designed to handle heavier truck traffic.

Nab also asked when the plan to take private roads into county maintenance will be revisited. He said this was discussed in 2021 and nothing was decided.

Nab said he has organized a District 3 cleanup for Feb. 25 for trash pickup.



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## Warren takes on role with Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives

By MORGAN JEMTRUD  
The Trimble Banner

After 6.5 years, Dena Ratliff Warren stepped down from her position as director of Trimble County Public Library at the end of February to serve as Executive Staff Advisor for the Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives.

Warren began her ventures into library work at the Henry County Public Library (HCPL) as a front desk clerk. The flexible schedule and part-time hours drew her to the job, but Warren said she developed a passion for the work.

"I sort of stumbled into this line of work and really loved working in a library setting with people who shared similar values of learning, education, discovery and reading," said Warren. "It was at HCPL that I developed a passion for helping people with their information

needs. It was the first job that I have had that I felt like it could keep me interested for a long time and that I could retire from."

Warren earned her master's degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Kentucky in 2013. While she was finishing the program, she found an internship with the Louisville Slugger Museum cataloging its photo collection. She applied and was accepted, and helped catalog hundreds of photos. The internship ended after a year, and Warren took a job at Eminence Independent Elementary School as a media specialist.

After three years in Eminence, Warren found an opening for the director's position at Trimble County Public Library.

"I really wanted to get back to my See WARREN Page A4



Photo submitted by Dena Ratliff Warren

Trimble County Public Library Director Dena Ratliff Warren (left) and Ramona Howard pose together in front of the library's fireplace.

## Pickleball courts go out to bid

By TIM HENDRICK  
The News-Democrat

The City of Carrollton has received estimates for installing two pickleball courts at Point Park. Mayor Robb Adams said it would be approximately \$41,000 to install two courts.

The courts would be 75' x 75' with a four foot chain link fence around the courts. He said Public Works would do the grading, gravel fill and compacting of the site. Hinkle Paving gave an estimate of \$18,000 for a four inch layer of asphalt. Carroll County Fence provided an estimate of \$11,400 for a four foot high black vinyl coated chain link fence. Adams said there is \$50,000 of unused ARPA funds in the Public Works budget to pay for the project.

Adams said he and Linda Davis toured courts in Louisville, which has more pickleball courts than Chicago. Davis said this is not a fad saying this is older person's tennis.

Admas said the asphalt would be in this year's budget which is the most expensive part of the project. The company that does the striping told Adams that they are booked into August.

The courts would be on the corner of the Kentucky River side of the sand volleyball courts. The surface will hold up to flooding and location was selected to keep the courts out of the flow path of flooding. This location is backwater flooding.

City council voted to put the project out to bid.

### Resolutions

The council passed a resolution of support opposing SB 50 and HB 50 that would make local elections like board of education and city elections partisan races.

The proposed bills go against home rule which give counties the option of going to partisan races.

Adams said the bills are proposed along party lines with school boards being the main target.

Resolution 2023-03 was adopted and will be sent to KLC on Tuesday.

The city council also passed a resolution to put up the property located at 1121 Sixth Street as surplus and advertised for seal bids. The city had liens on the property and it was foreclosed and offered up in a Master Commissioner sale at the courthouse. The city purchased the property and has a clean title.

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## Student design team looks at bringing visitor from the interstate to downtown



UK Department of Landscape Architecture students (from left) Chris Metts, Caroline Kushon and Brendyn Freeman design a plan for attracting people from the interstate to downtown. as their LA425 Senior Design Project.

By TIM HENDRICK  
The News-Democrat

The final senior project from the UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment Department of Landscape Architecture students takes a different approach for the development of downtown Carrollton.

The team of Caroline Kushon, Cincinnati, Ohio, Brendyn Freeman, Louisville, Ky. and Chris Metts, Atlanta, Ga. looked at the project taking people from the interstate to downtown. The other two groups looked at developing downtown Carrollton.

"What can we do to make Carrollton seem attractive as

soon as you get off the interstate," Caroline Kushon said, "so what is going to be the first thing you see? What can we do to make it more welcoming, a little more inviting or educational.

"What could be our first view of Carrollton, so we thought of a visitors center. This would be the first thing you see to learn a little more about Carrollton. It could advertise more of the outdoor experience of the rivers, such as bike and kayak rentals and get visitors more immersed in what Carrollton has to offer."

"So we took it a step further to get people past the fast food places and gas stations," Brendyn Freeman

said. "The design has opportunities for local business and to pull people into the city."

The design incorporates a Carrollton cruiser, a trolley/tram system, that connects to all of Carrollton.

"One of the things we noticed was how much people like to camp," Kushon said. "The Cruiser would make it more accessible to the people camping. There would be stops at historical places and other points of interest. We have included connection points to get downtown which offers the elderly population an opportunity to get around without a car."

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## Residents respond to proposed sale of community center

By MORGAN JEMTRUD  
The Trimble Banner

Tensions over the proposed sale of the Morgan Community Center led to a police presence at the Bedford City Commissioners meeting on Feb. 21.

Trimble County Sheriff Charlie Kelton said his office received a call requesting an officer to stop by due to people getting upset.

According to the meeting agenda, discussion on the sale

of the community center was set to be delayed "until further information can be obtained."

"We have a lot of people here tonight," said Bedford Mayor Joe Robinson. "I'm pretty sure you want to talk about the community center." Robinson said that anyone wishing to speak would be given three minutes due to the number of attendees.

Bedford resident Mitchell Welty asked the city council what services were being offered by the community center in order to generate income.

"To me, it's a business," Welty said. "And it's an asset to the community, not only the city of Bedford, but the community as a whole. We constantly hear throughout the community, not just the city but county-wide, we need more things for youth and we want to attract people to our area. Well, the first thing to do then is give kids something to do."

Robinson told Welty that the city had tried to provide a space

for local children, but had faced a variety of obstacles including an apparent lack of interest.

"In 2020, we came in here and said, OK, we'll open back up on Saturdays from like 9 [a.m.] to 1 [p.m.]," said Robinson. "We'll see how it does and if we get a good response, we'll stay open later. In 10 weeks, we had two people show up."

Robinson continued by relating the story of a community outreach attempt after the city received 16 computers from

the Kentuckiana Regional Planning and Development Agency (KIPDA). Robinson said he tried to set some of the computers up for students to use after school. He asked the schools about getting Beta Club members involved and for older kids to volunteer to tutor younger students struggling in school. Robinson said a school liaison officer told him that the proposed program was opening himself and the city up

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# March events at the Trimble County Public Library

## Month-long events

**Scavenger Hunt:** Come to the library any time during the month of March. Search high and low for clues. Get entered into the drawing for a prize. All ages welcome.

## Weekly events

**Tuesdays, 6 p.m. — Yoga: Strengthen your body and quiet your mind at yoga.** This class is free and great for all levels of fitness and experience. Bring a mat and wear comfortable clothes.

**Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. — Storytime:** Story time is fun for all ages! Babies and toddlers will enjoy the first session at 10:30 a.m. that has songs, rhymes and open play. Preschool aged children will enjoy the 11:30 a.m. session that still has lots of songs and rhymes, but more books. No registration required. Newcomers welcome! Each storytime is followed by Imagination Station play time.

**Thursdays, 10 a.m. - noon — Coffee, Coloring & Crosswords:** Stop in the library to enjoy a fresh cup of coffee and your choice of coloring or crossword puzzles.

## One-time events

**Thursday, March 2, All day — Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!** Stop by the library all day for fun Dr. Seuss inspired games, crafts and snacks.

**Friday, March 3, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. — Tween Meetup:** Calling all homeschooled teens and tweens! Meet to socialize

and work on projects. Snacks provided. No registration.

**Friday, March 3, 17 & 31, 3 - 5 p.m. — Get Moving!** Beat the winter blues with active games geared for elementary-aged children. Drop in the library any time between 3 and 5pm. Games might include bowling, table tennis, gaga ball, tower building ... you just never know. Every other Friday from 3-5 p.m. No Registration

**Saturday, March 4 & 18, 1 p.m. — Gamer's Hangout:** Join us for fun games on the Nintendo Switch or the Wii. Try out new games and see how your gaming skills match up. Open to elementary and middle school students. No registration needed. Snacks provided.

**Monday, March 6, 6 p.m. — BINGO:** Feeling the sting of inflation? Come join us for a fun-filled evening of bingo and unique prizes. Win groceries, gas cards and more! All ages welcome. No registration.

**Tuesday, March 7, 3-5 p.m. — Lego Club:** Drop in for free-building and Lego building challenges. Make new friends. Snacks provided. Recommended for ages 6 and up. No registration

**Wednesday, March 8, 11 a.m. — Get Loose With Dr. Seuss:** Come celebrate the fun of Dr. Seuss and his zany characters. We will have a special guest performance with Miss. September along with puppets, music, and magic.

**Thursday, March 9, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. — HIV Testing:** Stop in and get a free HIV test. Free and anonymous. Get peace of mind. The testing will take

place in the meeting room.

**Thursday, March 9, 10:30 a.m. — Baby Storytime:** Storytime helps to develop your child's language and literacy skills. Enjoy songs, bounces, stories, and social time for babies and their caregivers. Recommended for ages 0 to 18 months. Refreshments will be served after the Baby Storytime.

**Thursday, March 9, 6 p.m. — DIY Herbal Bath Tea:** Create your own blend of herbs in a bath tea that will relax your body and mind. Ages 14+. Registration required.

**Monday, March 13, 11 a.m. — Grandparent Gathering:** Calling all grandparents who are also caregivers to their grandchildren! You're invited to attend a social with other grandparents. Just a chance to gab and swap stories with other grandparents. Every second Monday of the month at 11 a.m. — a light lunch will be provided. Children are welcome.

**Tuesday, March 14, All day — National Pie Day:** 3.14 it's national Pie Day — mathematical pi, that is. Drop by the library all day for pie tasting and math brain teasers. No registration.

**Tuesday, March 14, 6 p.m. — Pokémon Club:** Did you know the library is a PokeStop for Pokémon Go players? Now you can join the Library Pokémon Club once a month. Bring your own cards. There will be a library deck available. No trading. Recommended ages 8 and up. No registration.

**Friday, March 17, 1 p.m. — Homeschool Social:** Calling all homeschooled families!

Network with other homeschooled families and enjoy lunch on us. Third Friday of every month from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. No registration

**Friday, March 17, All Day — Leprechaun Chase:** Drop by the library any time today. Follow the footprints to find the leprechaun's lost pot'o'gold! Check out some green-themed books while you're at it. Appropriate for all ages.

**Saturday, March 18, 10 a.m. — Murder & Muffins:** Join us as we chat about one of Agatha Christie's novels while we enjoy muffins and coffee/tea. We'll read 6 books in 2023. We will meet every other month, so there's plenty of time to read each book. The March book is *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd*. The book and audiobook is available on Hoopla and on Libby. If you don't have time to read the book you can watch the movie on YouTube! This is a great mother/daughter book club. Ages 14+ welcome!!!

**Saturday, March 18, 1 p.m. — Everyday Art:** Join us as we create a sweet springtime craft for your home. Registration appreciated.

**Tuesday, March 21, 5 - 7 p.m. — Comic Book Artistry:** Calling all teens and tweens! Do you love comic books? Do you consider yourself an amateur artist? Maybe you just want to learn to draw super heroes? This event is for you. Join us for snacks, share your own artwork, or learn something new. No registration. Feel free to drop in any time between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

**Thursday March 23, 10**

**a.m. — La Leche League:** Make connections with other expectant and nursing moms. Get support and information. Enjoy a morning out and snacks in the beautiful children's department. Children are welcome!

**Friday, March 24, 5 p.m. & 6 p.m. — Nerf War:** Bring the kids for a wild time in the Trimble County Library. Players need to bring their own Nerf gun. The library provides ammo and protective eyewear. Young people who read a book are entered to win a Nerf gun. Players age 5-9 play at 5 p.m., and players age 10+ play at 6 p.m. No registration is needed.

**Saturday, March 25, 10 a.m. — Science Fair:** Science air judging begins at 10 a.m. The public is welcome to view science fair projects during any of the library's open hours until March 31. This science fair is open to any student who does not have a science fair available to them through school. The event is free and will be judged by visiting scientists. If your student is interested in participating please contact lindsey@trimblelibrary.org

**Tuesday, March 28, 6 p.m. — Teen Game Night:** Join us for some laughs as we enjoy old-school board games or perhaps the ultimate charade challenge. Bring your friends. Snacks provided.

**Tuesday, March 28, 7 p.m. — Paper Pumpkin Craft Group:** Make adorable and shareable paper crafts. These paper crafts are fail-proof. Enjoy a fun evening of crafting and socializing. Ages 14+.

# RIVERDESIGN

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The team said when we first got here we found out we were a lot closer to the river than first thought. They said taking in the topography and the dense vegetation buffer along the river factor into their plan with creating a point of intrigue with a lookout at the Kentucky River. The design clears out a view through the vegetation.

Freeman said they have a trail system from the visitors center to General Butler State Resort Park and the trail includes a bridge to take you to Lock #1. The other design teams have incorporated trail systems from the lock to downtown.

The design included a farmers' market which will become a reality as the Carroll County Cooperative Extension Service is in the design phase for a structure to be built on the property they purchased between Northkey and the Family Worship Center.

All three of the designs include bike rentals and kayak/canoe rentals. Kushon said multimodal usage is becoming a larger component in urban designs.

The design has type one and

type two nodes. Type one nodes would be trolley/tram stops with type two stops being park and ride locations where one would be able to get snacks with seating areas and to use the restroom.

The students used kayaks and canoes to paddle from Lock #1 to the boat dock at Point Park during the visit to Carrollton. Kushon said a valuable lesson was learned that there were no restrooms to use during their trip down the river.

The team said the project creates opportunities for more venue options. The initial idea was getting people to go downtown and the tram idea became a second idea on how to make that happen.

Dr. Carolina Segura Bell is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Landscape Architecture and teaches LA 425 Landscape Architecture Design Studio V which is heavily focused on urban design. Jayoung Koo is also a faculty member in our program and 50% of her time is dedicated to work on projects for CEDIK.

As earlier reported this project did not start because of CEDIK. This project started



This is an overview of the team's design.

with a conversation with David Wick after he and few others presented the Ohio River Way efforts during the American Society of Landscape Architect Conference in the Spring 2022. After her conversation with Wick, Bell went and visited a few of the Ohio River Way towns on the Kentucky side.

She said she visited towns that have had an Ohio River Town report developed to give a few more resources to students to learn about the towns. In the summer, before the studio started, Bell visited Augusta and Carrollton and decided Carrollton was very unique and a great fit for the studio due to its location at the confluence of the two rivers, its history, and the state park.

After the semester started, Bell asked CCCDC executive-director Matt Atkins if he wanted to meet us for the first site visit. The visit led to Matt and the LA425 studio collabora-

tion with studio reviews, input on what site had potential for redevelopment, and the coordination for the final semester student showcase.

This project is the result of Bell trying to develop projects that are meaningful to her students and that at the same time can offer a benefit to the community. As a Senior lecturer Bell's efforts include teaching (90%), service (5%), and research (5%) which is great because she can teach and provide a service to communities.

"To have the students' work published in the newspaper is a huge satisfaction and I'm so proud of all their hard work last semester," Bell said. "It all started with my curiosity to develop a great project that is challenging to students and provides a service to a community."

While not official, the Connecting Carrollton project, the second project that

appeared in the Feb. 16 edition of The News-Democrat obtained a 2022 ASLA KY Student Award of Merit. Their work was reviewed by the Pennsylvania/Delaware ASLA chapter. Their work will be highlighted at the Annual ASLA Conference on March 31.

Bell said she has spoken with Adkins and Wick and there is the possibility the 2023 fall project for LA425 would be in Trimble County.

*Editorial note: After listening to the student presentations and then visiting the students on-campus for more detailed interviews, there were two things that really stood out. The first was the students came in with no preconceived ideas, with a wide open vision, and no blinders of what downtown Carrollton could be. The second thing is they have no concept of the volume of water that a flooding brings to downtown and Point Park.*



This drawing shows the node stops for the Carrollton Cruiser. The larger blue circles are type 2 stops with park and ride capabilities. The smaller red circles are type 2 stops which are trolley passenger stops.

# CENTER

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to lawsuits because the community center is not affiliated with the schools.

"We try to help," said Robinson. "And every time we try to help the kids, there's a roadblock somewhere."

Trimble County resident Bayleigh McVicker offered to use her fundraising experience to support the community center. McVicker organized a co-ed volleyball league that uses the Morgan Community Center on Wednesday and Friday evenings. She said that every Friday, there are at least 80 people at the community center for volleyball games, with 20 to 50 attendees at Wednesday practices.

"We have had so much fun using this community

center to bring our children and our adults to get the social, emotional and mental interaction that we all need," said McVicker. She said multiple residents have told her that participating in the volleyball league has improved their mental well-being.

"If given the opportunity, I would like to turn the community center around," said McVicker. "I believe I could raise a good amount of money for this building. I know many different people that would be interested in many different events. If given the opportunity, I would work my hardest to not let you down."

McVicker said she raised \$1,225 with the volleyball league and told

the city commissioners she wanted to give them \$500 of those funds for allowing the league to use the community center. She proposed organizing an open gym with a \$3 admission and planning vendor events as other ways to raise money.

Mariah Pitts, a sixth-grade teacher at Bedford Elementary School, said she surveyed her 72 students to gauge interest in an open gym at the community center.

"Of those 72 kids, more than 90% had said that if there was an opportunity for them to come up here and shoot basketball for two hours once a week, they would come," said Pitts. "But no one knows about it because no one sees it posted anywhere."

I had to ask when this meeting was happening. I posted it on Trimble County news Facebook, and that's why all these people are in here right now."

Trimble County Judge-Executive John Ogburn attended the city commissioners meeting. He said that the fiscal court has discussed purchasing the Morgan Community Center from the city of Bedford, but emphasized that "nothing is in stone" at this time.

Robinson said the city is looking into applying for grants that could make the cost of operating the building more manageable. According to Robinson, the electric bill for the center is nearly \$2,000 a month.

Bedford city attorney Joanne Pyc said that the city had received an appraisal for the building. Robinson said he had hoped the building would appraise for around \$1 million and that money from the sale could help pay off the city's recently completed \$464,000 sewer upgrade to prevent long-term debt, with some of the remaining funds being used to build a smaller, more manageable city hall on donated property.

"The appraisal came back very different than what people thought it might be," said Pyc. "So there is no decision to sell the community center. Not today, not tomorrow, not now."

Commissioner Angela Robinson thanked those