

Gupton sets out on newest venture

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"The finest service at the fairest price."

That's the main goal of the newest funeral home in Campbellsville — Auberry-Gupton & Chandler Funeral Home — hopes to achieve for its clients.

"On top of that, we want to have personal and sincere service," said Jack Gupton, an apprentice funeral director and embalmer and business partner in the venture. "We want everyone to feel like they're part of our family when they're here."

The funeral home officially opened its doors August 2, and many in the community will recognize the location at 503 East Main Street as the long-time home of another respected business in the industry: Lyon-DeWitt-Berry Funeral Home,

which closed last year.

The funeral home now has a new name and is under new ownership as a partnership between Terra Lackey, Joe and Stacey Florence and Don Auberry and Jack Gupton of The Auberry-Gupton Company. For the past nine weeks, the group has been working on remodeling and renovating the building in order to preserve the history of the building while also looking to update it with a more "modern feel."

"It was important to keep the history of the house because it's on Main Street, and we believe that Campbellsville is a vibrant and growing community," Gupton said. "This was a way to showcase the heritage on Main Street as being one of the oldest houses still present ... We're just continuing the generations of service with a new goal."



Photo by Geoff Botkin, CKN

Terra Lackey cut the ribbon Friday at the Auberry-Gupton & Chandler Funeral Home Open House at 503 East Main Street, Campbellsville.

Gupton is the son of Greg Gupton and Sharon Gupton and is a lifelong resident of Greensburg. He is the grandson of Campbellsville natives Lawrence and Audrey (Little) Gupton, and Columbia natives Dr. Edward W. and the late Rebecca (Grinstead) Grant.

Gupton graduated from Green County High School with hon-

ors in 2014 and served as class president. He then attended Lindsey Wilson College with a major in Pre-Law and Political Science.

In 2014, he started Jack's Florist in Greensburg and continues to own and operate that business, and in 2016, he was the youngest person to be awarded the Business Person of the Year

Award by the Greensburg-Green County Chamber of Commerce.

Gupton received his apprenticeship in funeral directing and embalming Tuesday and plans to attend mortuary school in the fall.

Being a florist, he said he has worked with the funeral home business "hand-in-hand" on a daily basis for years and has "always want-

ed" to be a funeral director and embalmer.

"It's always about what I can do for the families at their time of loss," he said. "It's always about them."

"It's going to celebrate part of what we could do to help Main Street and Campbellsville, and we'll be there to answer any questions anyone might have," Gupton added.

Simple awareness can thwart attacks

BY JIM WATERS
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"Do something!" Emotional protestors shouted at politicians in the wake of the recent mass shootings which killed at least 31 people and wounded dozens of others in Dayton, Ohio, and El Paso, Texas.

What, if anything can and should be done that will actually address such violence?

While we should always work to dig to find the root causes of such destruction of human life, these types of attacks are "heinous and senseless," as Texas Gov. Greg Abbott bemoaned in the aftermath of the murder-massacre by a deranged gunman on a crowded Walmart on a Saturday morning along the nation's southern border with Mexico.

No law — including those controlling access to and purchase of weapons — is going to change the heart of a hate-filled individual intent on doing such evil to another human being.

If a madman is committed to getting the weapons necessary to committing capital crimes like murdering innocent parents shopping for their kids' back-to-school needs in a Walmart in Texas, he's certainly not going to care much about abiding by gun-control laws.

While I and many other level-headed Ken-

tuckians and Americans are not ideologically opposed to a federal version of a "red flag" law, which would allow family members or law enforcement officers to petition courts to confiscate guns of individuals which pose a threat, there's a legitimate concern both about whether such a law would actually address the violence and if such policies could result in a power grab by government and erosion of our freedom.

Conservative commentator Ben Shapiro maintains in the wake of the recent mass shootings that while he supports the passage of a federal red-flag law, he and other Second Amendment advocates are wary that such measures would allow adversaries to institute gun seizures against individuals they simply dislike or disagree with politically.

Such concerns by constitutional conservatives are not unreasonable, "given the way the left is treating the right, right now," Shapiro said.

Certainly, as he also rightly urges, any red-flag law should include "blowback" upon anyone who makes a "frivolous claim to try and deprive somebody of their Second Amendment rights."

Individuals taking the initiative to convey information regarding

disturbing and potentially dangerous situations or people with the full assurance their concerns will be taken seriously and investigated by trained law enforcement officers seems to work as good as any new law would.

For example, students at Paul Laurence Dunbar High School in Lexington helped thwart a possible attack by reporting threats made by then-18-year-old Timothy Felker, from whose home police confiscated a rifle and 500 rounds of ammunition bought with money given to him by his mother for a tattoo.

Felker was arrested, convicted of second-degree terroristic threatening, spent 1 year and six months in jail and will soon be getting out with plans to attend college in Indiana.

His life and countless others likely were saved because sharp students were aware of what was said around them and told authorities.

Also, the Kentucky Center for School Safety has developed an online reporting tool allowing students, parents or community members to anonymously report bullying, weapons, drug or alcohol abuse or any other potentially unsafe situation in their school district.

Each district has its own link, which can be found by accessing the S.T.O.P. icon on the right

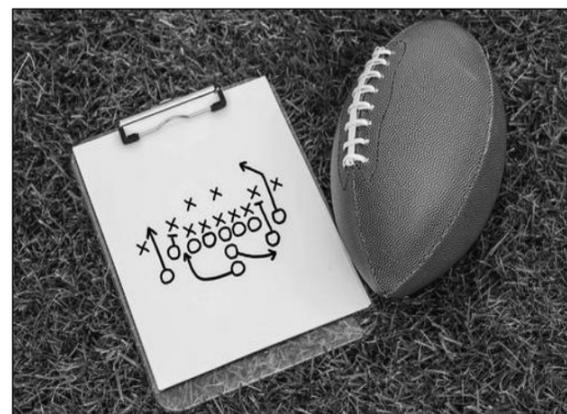
side of the home page on the center's website.

Law enforcement agencies also have anonymous tip lines, which have been instrumental in bringing many dangerous criminals to justice.

Kentuckians taking advantage of these safety tools — along with just being aware of what's being said and done around them — seems more effective than standing around yelling at politicians.

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REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

The City of Greensburg will accept Statements of Qualifications from engineering firms for planning, design, inspection, and supervision services to be performed in the implementation of the Water Distribution System Improvements Project. Firms wishing to be considered should send a sealed envelope containing FOUR (4) copies of a Statement of Qualifications labeled "Water Distribution System Improvements Project" to Ms. Judy Keltner, Lake Cumberland Area Development District, 2384 Lakeway Drive, P.O. Box 1570, Russell Springs, Kentucky 42642. Proposals must be received by 4:00 P.M. central time on Monday, August 26, 2019. Formal Request for Statements of Qualifications packets, including basis for evaluation, can be secured by contacting Ms. Judy Keltner of the Lake Cumberland Area Development District, (270) 866-4200. Statements should include a description of the firm's capabilities and expertise in the field of infrastructure construction along with resumes of individuals to be assigned to the project, a listing of similar projects along with reference information, and a description of the firm's familiarity with the project area and the ability to provide responsive service to the City of Greensburg. Firms responding to this request will be ranked according to the information submitted. The City will enter into negotiations with the highest ranked firm to execute an engineering services agreement subject to availability of funding. If the parties are unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement, the second ranked firm will be contacted. Once a firm has been selected, all unsuccessful firms will be contacted. Funding is being sought from Kentucky Infrastructure Authority, State Revolving Fund. The formal solicitation of consulting engineering firms is being conducted to fulfill the requirements of the funding agency. Attention is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed under the contract, Section 3, Segregated Facilities, Section 109, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, E.O. 11246, the Anti-Kickback Act, Section 503/ADA, Section 402 Veterans of the Vietnam Era clause, Age Discrimination Act of 1975 clause and any other characteristic protected by applicable federal, state or local law. The City of Greensburg reserves the right to reject any and all responses, to waive any technicalities, and to negotiate with the respondent who most nearly meets the project requirements. The City is not responsible or liable for any costs incurred by consultants replying to this request. The City is an equal opportunity employer and encourages responses from all qualified firms.

Green County Food Service

Green County Board of Education will be participating in the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program. As part of this program, **Green County High School, Green County Alternative Education Center, Green County Middle School, Green County Intermediate School and Green County Primary School** will offer healthy meals every school day at NO COST to the students due to the implementation of the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for school year 2019-2020. Students will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to pay a fee or submit a household application. For more information, you may call Anna Givens at 270-932-6601 or e-mail at anna.givens@green.kyschools.us. In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English. To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.