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Adopted: Second Amendment Sanctuary Resolution

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Green County Fiscal Court, in its regular called meeting Thursday evening, approved a resolution by a 5-0 roll call vote, making Green County a Second Amendment Sanctuary County.

Magistrate Tim Darnell said, "I firmly believe that the U.S. Constitution Second Amendment ensures law-abiding citizens the right to keep and

bear arms. I join with my fellow magistrates in approving a resolution declaring Green County as a Second Amendment Sanctuary County."

County governments from around Kentucky have joined in the effort to protect the rights of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms.

The resolution, passed by the magistrates, reads in part as follows: Therefore, Be It Resolved,

the People of Green County, through their duty elected Fiscal Court hereby designate Green County a Second Amendment Sanctuary in order to preserve for the People of, on, and in Green County, their rights guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States of America, furthermore that the Green County Fiscal Court hereby expresses its intent to uphold the Second Amendment rights of

the citizens of Green County, Kentucky, and, furthermore that the Green County Fiscal Court hereby declares its intent to oppose any infringement on the right of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms. We, the People of Green County, Kentucky, through this resolution hereby declare our rights, our freedom, and our liberty as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States of America.

"I am very pleased that the court passed the resolution regarding the Second Amendment. Because of what's happened recently in the state of Virginia, local gun owners are very concerned with their rights being infringed upon regarding their right to bear arms. The Fiscal Court, including myself, want it to be very plain as to our support for the Second Amendment. The court is glad to take a stance

and offer our support," said Judge-Executive John Frank.

By roll call votes of 4-0, with one abstention, Fiscal Court approved the second reading and adoption of an ordinance objecting to the striking of territory from the City of Greensburg's boundaries as proposed in city ordinance 2019-0812, pursuant to KRS 81A.440.

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Eighth grade gets big win



Photo by Angelina Alcott

Kelson McKinney dribbles ball up court Monday night against Metcalfe Monday before the Eighth Grade Dragons won their second consecutive conference championship. The team defeated Metcalfe County Middle School 57-43. The Dragons were named co-conference champions, sharing conference honors with the Hornets who also ended regular season with a 13-1 record. McKinney was recognized Monday evening and presented with the CKMSAC 2019-2020 Winter Sport Male Athlete of the Year Award. More photos are on page 7A.

Reed's Legislative Update

It has been a busy second week of session in the state's capital city, as I joined lawmakers for a week that began with an opportunity to volunteer in honor of a colleague and included committee meetings and an address by the Governor.

The House Agriculture 05, 2020 to be Hunger Free Kentucky Day. This will help raise awareness and continue the fight against hunger.

The full House and Senate gathered again on Tuesday evening to hear Governor Andy Beshear deliver his first State of the Commonwealth Address. While the Governor shared some of his pri-

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State Rep. Brandon Reed

orities, I had hoped we would hear more than what was presented on the campaign trail. He provided a preview into some of his goals, but no real information about how he intends to pay for any of the new spending he will propose. This means we will have to wait until he gives his budget speech on January 28.

I also had the opportunity to attend the Rally for Life, hosted by Kentucky Right to Life. I am so impressed with

the organization's focus on both pregnant mothers and unborn children, illustrated by their "love them both" theme. The event gave us a chance to honor the warriors who fight to protect the unborn, as well as recognize the legislative gains we have made and talk about our future priorities. I am proud to be a member of the most pro-life legislature in the history of Kentucky, but we must remain committed to this cause. Just this week we heard the administration has invited Planned Parenthood to apply for a license to open a new abortion clinic in Kentucky.

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Givens' Legislative Update

The 60-day legislative session is moving right along here in Frankfort as the General Assembly begins to advance 2020 legislative priorities this week.

First, allow me to offer my congratulations to our newest colleague, Senator-elect Mike Nemes, who was elected with an overwhelming majority in the 38th Senate District, which encompasses Bullitt County and part of Jefferson County. I look forward to welcoming him to our caucus.

On Tuesday, Kentuckians and legislators from both sides

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State Sen. David Givens

of the aisle listened to Governor Beshear proposed policy goals and recommendations to the Kentucky General Assembly in his first State of the Commonwealth Address. The Governor also noted his legislative priorities for 2020, which included fully funding pension obligations, criminal justice reform, and plans to improve Kentucky public edu-

cation, starting with a statewide teacher salary increase. As the legislature begins to prepare the biennial budget, Governor Beshear will also be delivering a budget address on January 28. Both of these addresses are customarily presented each year by the governor and serve as a beneficial element in our state's separation of powers. We eagerly await to hear how the Governor plans to fund the ideas he has laid out.

Crafting a budget will not be an easy task.

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County Wide to perform at Green River Live Sat.

By **DALE CURRY**
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Green River Live brings another headline act to the stage Saturday night.

The Eastern Kentucky group, County Wide, based out of Corbin, Kentucky performs at 7 p.m. CT.

While County Wide is a fairly new group, they have already opened for music stars Chris Stapleton, Thompson Square,

Mark Chestnut and other well known acts.

The four-person band formed in 2014 and released their debut album, Justice in the South, in 2016.

In addition to several original songs, the band performs a variety of new and old country music hits and several classic rock cover songs.

Most of their original music tells the stories of growing up and living in Kentucky.

The band consists of four men. Aron Bunch is the lead singer and also writes much of their original music. Anthony Campbell plays bass guitar for the group. Steven Standifer plays lead guitar and Travis Clem is the band's drummer.

The band plays about 150 shows per year and is expanding to other parts of the country as their popularity grows.



County Wide photo

The Eastern Kentucky group County Wide, based out of Corbin, will perform at 7 p.m. CT Saturday at Green River Live. The group has opened for music stars Chris Stapleton, Thompson Square and many others.