

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

As part of the 30-day public participation process, the Draft FY 2021-2024 STIP was available for public review via the KYTC web site. Letters were mailed to Kentucky's County Judge/Executives, Mayors of Kentucky's cities (with population over 5,000), Transit Providers, and persons on our STIP distribution list that stated that the Draft STIP was available for public review.

The KYTC web site had email capabilities for sending review comments and questions concerning the Draft FY 2021-2024 STIP. KYTC received four emails with comments regarding the Draft STIP.

The Public Notice was published on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter outlining the 30-day public availability period for public review and comments on the Draft FY 2021-2024 STIP. The Public Notice was also published in the following newspapers.

Lexington-Herald Leader
Louisville Courier-Journal
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**PUBLIC NOTICE OF PERIOD FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE
DRAFT 2021-2024 STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM (STIP) FOR KENTUCKY**

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC), in accordance with its established "Statewide Transportation Planning Interested Parties, Public Involvement, and Consultation Process," hereby provides notice of the availability of the Draft FY 2021-2024 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program for public inspection, review, and comment for a 30-day period beginning May 10, 2021, and ending June 8, 2021.

The Draft FY 2021-2024 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program will be displayed at: <http://bit.ly/KYTCSTIP>

Any individual, agency, or organization may provide written comments to:

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The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's DRAFT FY 2021-2024 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is a "big picture" look at multi-modal statewide transportation planning over four years. It contains all the federally-funded scheduled projects in the 2020 Enacted Highway Plan approved by the 2020 Kentucky General Assembly and signed by the Governor. It includes a reference to projects from Kentucky's nine Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs). MPOs represent the following urbanized areas: Bowling Green, Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky, Clarksville-Oak Grove, Evansville-Henderson, Huntington-Ashland-Ironton, Lexington, Louisville, Owensboro, and Radcliff-Elizabethtown. A project located within these metropolitan planning areas must be included in the appropriate MPO's TIP before it can be included in the STIP and before funding can be authorized. You can visit the [MPO's website here](#) to see their current TIP.

A 30-day public comment period will run from Monday, May 10 to Thursday, June 8. Comments can be sent to Selena.Curry@KY.GOV or mailed. Mail can be addressed to James Ballinger, Department of Highways, 200 Mero Street, 6th floor, Frankfort, KY 40622. The same contact information can be used to request a hard copy of the draft STIP by mail as district offices are currently closed to the public due to COVID-19.

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2021_STIP_Draft_Complete.pdf	Complete 2021 Draft STIP
2021_DraftSTIP_IntroTOC.pdf	Introduction and Table of Contents
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Comments

To submit comments regarding the FY 2021-2024 Draft STIP, [click here](#).

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A car can reach lethal temperatures in as little as ten minutes. In 2019, a

From: [Curry, Selena A \(KYTC\)](#)
To: [XXXXXXXXXX](#)
Cc: [Rigney, Ron B \(KYTC\)](#)
Subject: RE: Public comment for draft STIP
Date: Monday, June 7, 2021 12:12:00 PM

Mr. XXXXXXXX,
Please see the following comment from Ron Rigney. Thank you.

Mr. XXXXXXXX,

Thank you for taking the time to review the KYTC "Draft" STIP, and for pointing out your concerns with the section of KY 44 in Bullitt County near the 10 mile marker at Pitts Point Road intersection.

This section of KY 44 is currently included within the following list of Bullitt County projects identified by Local Officials as prioritized projects that need to be considered for inclusion within the 2022 Recommended Highway Plan to be submitted by the Governor to the Kentucky General Assembly in January 2022.

As you can see from the list of Bullitt County projects, 7 of the 10 projects identified by Local Officials are located along various sections of KY 44, and the KY 44 section near Pitts Point Road is ranked number 5 on their list of priority projects.

The local priorities in the County for consideration by the KIPDA TTCC and TPC for KIPDA Sponsorship are attached and as follows:

- 1) KY 44 widening from US 31E to Spencer County (KIPDA ID 2916)
- 2) KY 44 improvements from KY 61 to I-65 (KIPDA ID 497)
- 3) KY 44 reconstruction/widening from Bogard Lane to Armstrong Lane (KIPDA ID 2918)
- 4) I-65 Pavement Replacement and widening from Exit 116/KY 480 to Exit 117/KY 44 (a portion of KIPDA ID 491)
- 5) **KY 44 Bridge and safety improvements near Old Pitts Point Rd. (KIPDA ID 2115)**
- 6) I-65/KY 1526 Interchange improvements (KIPDA ID 2785)
- 7) I-65 Southbound slip ramp to Conestoga Pkwy. (a portion of KIPDA ID 491)
- 8) KY 44 widening from Chimney Rock Dr. to CE Smith Rd. (**Inactive KIPDA Project**)
- 9) KY 44 widening from CE Smith Rd. to Armstrong Lane (**Inactive KIPDA Project**)
- 10) KY 44 improvements from US 31W to KY 61 (KIPDA ID 494)

Again, we thank you for your review and comments for the KYTC "Draft" STIP, and if you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

Thanks,
Ron

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From: XXXXXXXX
Sent: Friday, May 28, 2021 5:06 PM
To: Curry, Selena A (KYTC) <Selena.Curry@ky.gov>
Subject: Public comment for draft STIP

Hello,

I am writing to provide public comment on the draft STIP.

KY 44 at / near the 10 mile marker (Pitts Point Rd. intersection) is in very bad shape. There are three areas of continuing subsidence in this area that seem to need annual pavings to level them out. Guide railings east of the bridge in this area are significantly below their design height. I haven't looked it up, but this bridge and two more of nearly identical design to the west, are very likely functionally obsolete. The roadway in this area is also significantly lower than it should be and is prone to flooding.

District 5 has done an exceptional job improving highway 44 West in Bullitt County over the years. The most recent refurbishment of the east and west side hills has made this road much more pleasant to drive and has significantly improved safety. The friction coating seems to be doing an excellent job of keeping cars out of the ditches.

Searching the 2021 draft STIP, I am unable to find any project to address this section of KY 44. I understand that properly repairing this section would involve bridge replacement and elevation of the roadway...not an insignificant project.

Please consider adding improvements to this section of KY 44 in the STIP.

Thank you,

XXXXXXXXXX

From: [Curry, Selena A \(KYTC\)](#)
To: [XXXXXXX](#)
Cc: [Rigney, Ron B \(KYTC\)](#)
Subject: RE: Bridge repair
Date: Friday, May 14, 2021 10:21:00 AM

Mr. XXXXXXX,
Please see response from Ron Rigney. Thank you.

Mr. XXXXXXXX,

Thank for your time in reviewing the Draft 2021 STIP and for your comments concerning the needed bridge deck repairs for the KY 135 bridge in Livingston County located just north of mile marker 12.

I reviewed the current bridge data information for the KY 135 bridge over Buck Creek just east of the community of Carrsville, Kentucky near mile marker 12.

Our KYTC Bridge Maintenance staff is currently working on construction plans to conduct a bridge deck overlay project for the KY 135 bridge.

The construction project for the KY 135 bridge deck repairs is scheduled to begin late summer/early fall of this year.

Again, thank you for your review and comments for the Draft 2021 STIP, and if you need any additional information, just let us know.

Thanks,
Ron

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-----Original Message-----

From: XXXXXXXX
Sent: Thursday, May 13, 2021 8:07 AM
To: Curry, Selena A (KYTC) <Selena.Curry@ky.gov>

Subject: Bridge repair

On Ky.135 in Livingston County just, north of MM12, there is a bridge that is very bad condition. It has several large pot holes and you can see the metal. It will not be very long and the holes will be large enough to the water below. Could you please have someone to look at this. PLEASE.

From: [Curry, Selena A \(KYTC\)](#)
To: [XXXXXXXXXX](#)
Cc: [Rigney, Ron B \(KYTC\)](#)
Subject: RE: Stip 2022 concerned taxpayer
Date: Friday, May 21, 2021 3:13:00 PM

Ms. XXXXXX,

Please see response from Ron Rigney regarding your comments. Thank you.

Ms. XXXXXX,

Thank you for taking the time to review our KYTC Draft 2021 STIP and sending us your comments and concerns with transportation needs along I-65 in Bullitt and Jefferson counties, and along US 62 west of E-Town in Hardin County.

KYTC has awarded a project to repair and grind the concrete pavement from just south of Joe Prather PKWY (MP 102.1) extending north to the Hardin/Bullitt county line (MP 103.308), and from the Hardin/Bullitt county line extending north to the south side of Lebanon Junction I-65 Exit overpass (MP 104.7). The Contractor began work on this \$19 million project in early March of this year, and construction work should be completed by the end of this calendar year.

In review of KYTC projects for US 62 between E-Town and the Hardin/Grayson county line we are in the preliminary engineering phase of a "Highway Safety Improvement Program" (HSIP) project along US 62 for the possibility of adding turn lanes at intersection of US 62 and English Oak Drive and the intersection of US 62 and KY 222.

Again, thank you for your comments and for your time in the review of the KYTC Draft 2021 STIP.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please let us know.

Thanks,
Ron

Ronald B. Rigney, PE & PLS
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-----Original Message-----

From: XXXXXXXXXXXX
Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2021 9:24 PM
To: Lamb, Jill (KYTC) <Jill.Lamb@ky.gov>
Subject: Stip 2022 concerned taxpayer

Please please drive from Jefferson through Bullit County on I65 to experience the terrible dangerous road first hand. This should be a priority of the transportation department.

Second consider widening US HWY 62 in western Hardin County. At least give it a bigger shoulder. The number of houses have increased in Stephensburg. I know of one person that lost their life due to driver distraction and no where to go on that narrow hwy. Another factor for considering widening or adding a shoulder is that many farmers that use US 62 to travel from one farm to another (or tractor repair on 62) and the extra large farm equipment that goes up and down that road creates hazardous driving conditions from hwy 222 until you get to Grayson County on US 62.

Thank you for considering these items

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Sent from my iPhone

From: [XXXXXX](#)
To: [Rigney, Ron B \(KYTC\)](#)
Cc: [XXXXXX](#)
Subject: Re: Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Draft FY 2021-2024 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) available for public review
Wednesday, May 12, 2021 1:53:27 PM
Date:

Thank you for the clarification.

XXXXXXXXXX

On Wed, May 12, 2021 at 12:28 PM Rigney, Ron B (KYTC) <Ron.Rigney@ky.gov> wrote:

XXXXXX,

The construction phase for the Kenton County 6-450 KY-1303 Turkeyfoot Road from Dixie Highway to Dudley Road project" was not included within the 2020 Highway Plan.

As KYTC moves forward with the 2021 SHIFT process and the process of preparing the 2022 Recommended Highway Plan to be submitted by the Governor to the General Assembly in January 2022, KYTC will be reviewing available funding and prioritized needs of future phases for consideration of inclusion in the 2022 Recommended Highway Plan.

Again, thanks for your comments and questions.

Ron

Ronald B. Rigney, PE & PLS

KYTC Transportation Engineering Director

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From: XXXXXXXXXXXX
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 12:13 PM
To: Curry, Selena A (KYTC) <Selena.Curry@ky.gov>

Cc: Rigney, Ron B (KYTC) <Ron.Rigney@ky.gov>; XXXXXXXX

Subject: Re: [Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Draft FY 2021-2024 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program \(STIP\) available for public review](#)

Thanks for adding back the R/W and Utilities on this list. Are there Construction dollars planned in future years, will this also be added?

XXXXXXXXXXXXXX

On Wed, May 12, 2021, 11:27 AM Curry, Selena A (KYTC) <Selena.Curry@ky.gov> wrote:

[XXXXXXXXXX](#),

Please see Ron Rigney's response to your question. Let us know if you have any other questions or comments.

XXXXXX,

Thank you for pointing out that the right-of-way (R) phase and utility (U) phase for the Kenton County 6-450.00 "KY-1303 Turkeyfoot Road from Dixie Highway to Dudley Road project" is not listed in the Draft STIP Exhibit A-5 Project Listing.

We have checked and determined that in our process of removing project phases from the Draft STIP project listing that already had funding authorized, the required funding for the R and U phases of the project were incorrectly shown as having already been authorized.

We will add the R and U phases for the Kenton County 6-450.00 "KY-1303 Turkeyfoot Road from Dixie Highway to Dudley Road project" to the final 2021 STIP Exhibit A-5 Project Listing.

Also, we checked the OKI MPO TIP, and the R and U phases for the Kenton County 6-450.00 "KY-1303 Turkeyfoot Road from Dixie Highway to Dudley Road project" are included in the OKI MPO TIP, thus by reference from the OKI TIP, the R and U phases for the project is officially included in the current approved KYTC STIP.

Again, thank you for taking the time to check the listing of projects and pointing out to us that the right-of-way (R) phase and utility (U) phase for the project is not listed in the Draft STIP Exhibit A-5 Project Listing.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please just let us know.

Thanks,

Ron

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From: XXXXXXXX

Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 2:14 PM

To: Curry, Selena A (KYTC) <Selena.Curry@ky.gov>; XXXXXXXXXXX

Subject: Re: Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Draft FY 2021-2024 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) available for public review

Thanks for this information. There is a project in the City of Crestview Hills (6-450) KY-1303 for Turkeyfoot Road from Dixie Highway to Dudley Road that I don't see in the new plan. Was it missed or is it still under an old plan.

XXXXXXXXXX

On Mon, May 10, 2021 at 11:10 AM Curry, Selena A (KYTC) <Selena.Curry@ky.gov> wrote:

To: Kentucky's County Judge/Executives

Mayors of Kentucky's Cities

The attached letter is to inform you that the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's (KYTC's) Draft FY 2021-2024 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is available for public inspection on the KYTC's web site at: <http://transportation.ky.gov/Program-Management/Pages/2021-Draft-STIP-Book.aspx>. Please see the letter for further details.

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MONDAY ROUNDUP

Tornado avoids Hickman upset bid with late rally

BY SUN STAFF

CLINTON — Hickman County could smell the upset as it led Paducah Tilghman 2-1 going into the seventh. With two out and a 2-0 count, the Tornado started its comeback and emerged with a 3-2 win after eight innings of high school baseball on Monday night.

Leyton Patterson faced that count with Levin East on first. He singled a hard grounder to right field, where Eli Armbruster had trouble handling the ball and East came home with the tying run.

Jack Hutcheson led off the eighth for the Tornado with a walk, then reached second on a sacrifice bunt by Jaylen Seay. After West walked, Zion LaGrone singled hard to center to bring Hutcheson home with the eventual game winner. Kaleb Harper, who was 3-for-4 for the Falcons, singled off to lead off the bottom of the eighth. However, East retired the next three batters he faced, including two strikeouts, to earn the triumph.

Paducah Tilghman 100 000 11 3 5 0
Hickman County 001 100 00 2 7 1
WP: East. LP: Prince.
2B: P-Patterson; H-C. Naranjo. 3B: none. HR: none. Top hitters: P-Patterson 2-3; H-Harper 3-4; Carter 2-3. Records: Tilghman 18-2; Hickman 13-6.

Crittenden 13, Livingston 3 — At Marion, Tyler Boone drove in four runs with a pair of singles as Crittenden County took care of Fifth District foe Trigg County in five innings. Caden McCallister drove in two runs for the Rockets while Jeremiah Foster fanned six Cardinals for the victory.

Livingston Central 102 00 3 5 3
Crittenden County 061 24 13 11 2
WP: Foster. LP: D. Ramage.
2B: none. 3B: none. HR: none. Top hitters: L-E. Ramage 2-3; C-McCallister 1-3 (2 RBI); Boone 2-4 (4 RBI); Winders 2-3 (RBI); Smith 2-2 (RBI). Records: Livingston 3-14; Crittenden 12-5.

Trigg 21, Russellville 0 — At Russellville, Joe Peca drove in five runs with four hits as Trigg County put up 12 runs in the seventh to breeze past Russellville. Andrew Williamson and Bryce Cunningham each had four RBI for the Wildcats. Trey Carr struck out 10 Panthers for the win.

Trigg County 061 020 (12) 21 17 0
Russellville 000 000 0 4 1 0
WP: Garr. LP: Roberts.
2B: T-Humphries, J. Peca. 3B: T-Williamson. HR: none. Top hitters: T-Williamson 3-4 (4 RBI); J. Peca 4-4 (5 RBI); Cunningham 2-5 (4 RBI); Carr 2-5 (RBI); Humphries 2-5 (2 RBI); I. Peca 2-3; Terrell 2-3; R-Hollaway 2-4. Records: Trigg 6-9; Russellville 2-18.

In other baseball action, Carlisle County eked out a 4-3 home win over Ballard Memorial while Lyon Coun-

ty blanked Union County 10-0 over five innings in Eddyville.

SOFTBALL

Calloway 4, Murray 1 — At Murray, Emerson Grogan put Calloway County up for good against Fourth District arch rival Murray with a two-run homer to center in the bottom of the first. Izzy Housden singled the first run home during a 3-for-3 day for the Lakers on top of striking out 10 Tigers for the complete game victory.

Murray 000 010 0 1 2 1
Calloway County 310 000 0 4 8 1
WP: Housden. LP: Chapman.
2B: M-Latimer; C-Housden. 3B: none. HR: C-E. Grogan (1 on in 1st). Top hitters: C-Housden 3-3 (RBI); Hicks 2-4; E. Grogan 1-3 (2 RBI). Records: Murray 8-5; Calloway 15-6.

Ballard 1, Carlisle 0 — At La Center, After Michaela Meyer bunted out in the third inning, an error at second allowed Miley Nichols to score the only run of the game as Ballard Memorial stopped Carlisle County for just its second victory of the season. The Comets outhit their hosts 10-7 but error-free fielding by the Bombers kept their guests at bay.

Carlisle County 000 000 0 0 10 3
Ballard Memorial 001 000 0 1 7 0
WP: McKinney. LP: Thomason.
2B: C-Shehorn, Thomason. 3B: none. HR: none. Top hitters: C-Atkins 2-4; Thomason 2-3; Allen

2-3; Pearson 2-3; B-Riggs 2-3; Parrott 2-3. Records: Carlisle 5-6; Ballard 2-14.

Livingston 12, CCA 1 — At Smithland, After Community Christian Academy scored the first run of the game, Livingston Central got all the rest including 10 in the second of a five-inning rout. Victoria Joiner went 4-for-4 with two doubles and three RBI for the Cardinals.

Madison Bolte fanned eight Warriors in picking up the win.

Community Christian 100 00 1 3 0
Livingston Central 10(10)0 2x 12 12 1
WP: Bolte. LP: Arnett.
2B: C-Peeler; L-Joiner 2, Crittenden. 3B: none. HR: none. Top hitters: L-Joiner 4-4 (3 RBI); Lasher 2-4 (RBI); Suare 2-3 (2 RBI); Norton 2-3 (RBI); Crittenden 2-2 (2 RBI). Records: CCA 2-6; Livingston 11-5.

Marshall 9, Hickman 1 — At Clinton, Kinley Edwards, Cayson Conner, Riley Piercefield and Charley Pursley each had three hits for Marshall County in a win over Hickman County. Edwards finished a home run shy of hitting for the cycle with Layne Pea hitting a solo shot to lead off the fourth for the Marshals.

Marshall County 022 112 1 9 15 1
Hickman County 100 000 1 2 6 3
WP: Lovett. LP: Rose.
2B: M-Edwards. 3B: M-Edwards, Pursley. HR: M-Pea (none on in 4th). Top hitters: M-Pursley 3-5 (2 RBI); Conner 3-4; Edwards 3-4 (2 RBI); Jezik 2-4 (2 RBI); Piercefield 3-4 (RBI). Records: Marshall 16-9; Hickman 12-7.

Crittenden 11, Trigg 0 — At Marion, Ashlyn Hicks drove in half of her four RBI for Crittenden County with a two-run homer to left in the fourth against Fifth District rival Trigg County. Riley Smith collected three hits for the Rockets as she and Elliot Evans each drove in two runs. Chandler Moss cracked a solo homer in the third and held the Wildcats to two hits for the win.

Trigg County 000 00 0 2 1
Crittenden County 121 25 11 11 1
WP: Moss. LP: West.
2B: C-Evans, Hicks, Smith. 3B: none. HR: C-Hicks (1 on in 4th); Moss (none on in 3rd). Top hitters: C-Hicks 2-3 (4 RBI); Long 2-3 (RBI); Moss 2-3 (RBI); Smith 3-3 (2 RBI); Evans 1-1 (2 RBI). Records: Trigg 4-10; Crittenden 9-5.

In other softball contests, Graves County stopped Christian Fellowship 10-0 in five innings while Caldwell County dominated Webster County 12-1 over six innings in Dixon.

BOYS TENNIS

ST. MARY 2, TILGHMAN 1
Singles: Whitson McNeill (T) d. Rex Roof 8-1, Tate Jennings (SM) d. Phillip Jones 8-5. Doubles: Jennings/Roof (SM) d. McNeill/Jones 9-7.

GIRLS TENNIS

TILGHMAN 9, ST. MARY 0
Singles: Natalie Lansden d. Claire Haas 8-0, Abby Brown (T) d. Milleah Smith 8-0, Anna West d. Ava Campbell 8-0, Meghan Gruber d. Therese Smith 8-1, Madelyn Duwe d. Miranda Gartner 8-1, Kate LeBuhn d. Vanessa Becker 8-3. Doubles: Gruber/West d. Haas/Megan Lorch 8-4, LeBuhn/Duwe d. Milleah Smith/Campbell 8-1, Frannie Hideg/Addison Winklepleck d. Therese Smith/Maya Smith 8-6.

Lady Mustangs capture Section 1 Tournament

BY SUN STAFF

The McCracken County girls tennis team won the Kentucky High School Tennis Coaches Association (KYHSTCA) Section 1 Tournament in dominant fashion over the weekend. Matches were played at Paducah Tilghman and Lone Oak on Friday and Saturday.

The Lady Mustangs didn't drop any of their matches over three rounds of play. They opened with a 5-0 win over Mayfield on Friday and proceeded to win 3-0 over Paducah Tilghman in the semifinals and 5-0 over Greenwood in the championship on Saturday.

In the championship against Greenwood, McCracken's Shelby Puryear defeated Arden Dethridge 6-1 and 6-0, Maggie Smith defeated Abigail Daughtry 6-0 and 6-0, and Hannah Puryear defeated Leia Trinh 6-0 and 6-0 in singles play. In doubles, McCracken's Lilli Smith and Sophie Hollowell defeated Greer Glosiele and Kate Young 6-2 and 6-0, and Madeline Yates and Katie Crabtree defeated Avery Overmohle and Olivia Overmohle 6-2 and 7-6 (7-3).

In the semifinal win over Tilghman, Lilli Smith defeated Meghan Gruber 6-0 and 6-3, and Maggie Smith defeated Addison Winklepleck 6-0 and 6-0 in singles play. In doubles, Hannah Puryear and Crabtree defeated Kate LeBuhn and Frannie Hideg 6-0 and 6-0.

Against Mayfield, Hollowell scored a victory via a Molly Null retirement in the first set. In the other two singles matches, Lilli Smith won 6-0 and 6-0 over Joey Grace Sulta, and Maggie Smith won 6-0 and 6-0 over Claire Crawford. Shelby Puryear and Yates (6-0, 6-0 over Megan Null and Josie Hale) and Hannah Puryear and Crabtree (7-5, 6-2 over Kiya Morris and Charli Stanley) won their doubles matches.

Hopkinsville won the third-place match, defeating Paducah Tilghman 3-2. Tilghman's two points came via a singles win from Gruber (6-4,

7-5 over Sophie Maddux) and a doubles win from Natalie Lansden and Maddie Duwe (6-0, 6-0 over Elaine Baker and Morgan Woosley).

Tilghman had advanced to the semifinals after defeating St. Mary 5-0. Abby Brown (6-1, 6-2 over Megan Lorch), Duwe (6-1, 6-1 over Claire Haas) and LeBuhn (6-0, 6-3 over Ava Campbell) scored singles victories. Anna West and Gruber (6-0, 6-0 over Maya Smith and Therese Smith) and Lansden and Winklepleck (6-0, 6-1 over Haley Froehlich and Miranda Gartner) won in doubles play.

In the boys tournament, Greenwood won the championship while Paducah Tilghman, South Warren, Webster County and McCracken County rounded out the top five.

Tilghman opened with a 3-2 win over McCracken. Davis Rowton (6-1, 6-0 over Om Patel) and Evan Jones (6-3, 6-0 over Aaron Lundberg) won in singles play for the Blue Tornado, which got a doubles victory from Sam Kirchoff and Zach Ybarzabal. That duo won 7-6 (7-4) and 6-2 over Conner McIn-

tosh and Hutch Crabtree. McCracken's victories came via Noel Puertollano (6-3, 7-5 over Whitson McNeill) in singles play and Keegan Terrone and Haden Scruggs (6-3, 6-4 over AJ Armstrong and Ben LeBuhn) in doubles.

The Tornado then defeated South Warren, 4-0, in the semifinals. Rowton (6-1, 6-0 over Jake Taylor) and Jones (6-1, 6-2 over Antonio Noble) won singles matches. LeBuhn and Armstrong (6-0, 6-0 over Caden Mattingly and Micah Rowland) and Kirchoff and Ybarzabal (6-0, 6-0 over Salem Harris and Hudson Daniels) won in doubles.

In the championship, Tilghman fell 3-2 to Greenwood. Rowton defeated Dylan Dethridge 6-2 and 6-2 while the doubles team of Ybarzabal and Kirchoff won their match in three sets — 2-6, 6-4 and 10-6 — to score the Tornado's two points in the match. Two other matches went to three sets, as Greenwood's Landon Trinh (3-6, 6-1 and 10-8 over McNeil) and James Chen and Johnathon Foust (1-6, 6-2 and 10-4) scored wins that helped turn the tide.

After falling to Tilgh-

man, McCracken proceeded to take the consolation championship to finish in fifth place. The Mustangs defeated Madisonville-North Hopkins, 5-0, in the consolation semifinals. Terrone (6-4, 6-1 over Joey Plain), McIntosh (6-3, 6-2 over Nathaniel Crick) and Scruggs (6-2, 6-0 over Braden Bell) won in singles play. Crabtree and Lundberg (6-0, 6-2 over Tony Popescu and Aidan Brummer) and Patel and Puertollano (6-3, 6-3 over Tate Young and Kale Knight) won in doubles.

The Mustangs then defeated Caldwell County, 4-1, in the consolation championship. Terrone (6-0, 6-1 over Nick Adams), McIntosh (6-0, 6-0 over Bryce Thompson) and Scruggs (6-0, 6-0 over Cannon Littlejohn) swept singles play, and Patel and Puertollano (6-2, 6-1 over Billy

Wallace and Grayden team of Jordan Hammett Miller) won their doubles match.

Caldwell's lone point came from the doubles match.

who won 6-4 and 7-5 (10-8) over Crabtree and Lundberg.

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Applications are now being accepted for those who would like to join the Kentucky Coalition for Advancing Education and help shape a new vision for the state's public school students. The coalition follows a series of 11 virtual listening tours held across the Commonwealth to gather input on the strengths and weaknesses of our current education system.

A joint project of the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE), the Center for Innovation in Education (CIE) and the Kentucky Board of Education, the coalition will be involved in the design of a new assessment and accountability system for Kentucky's public schools and a strategic plan for KDE. This work will help re-imagine how students and schools are supported across the Commonwealth.

It is critical that the Kentucky Coalition for Advancing Education include the voices of Kentuckians who represent the diverse communities and needs across the state. Applications are being sought from family members, students and staff who are interested in helping reshape Kentucky's public schools. Coalition members will be expected to attend weekly virtual meetings in

June, engage in some shared work in July and meet bi-weekly in August and September. The group's first meeting will be 4-6 pm ET on June 1. Starting in October, the coalition will meet monthly for the duration of the 2021-2022 school year. The deadline to complete the online application is May 21.

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UofL Junior wins Kentucky's only 2021 Truman Scholarship

By Janet Cappiello

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — University of Louisville junior Lexi Raikes has won Kentucky's only Harry S. Truman Scholarship for 2021.

The award, valued at \$30,000, is given to just 62 U.S. college juniors annually. It is the premier graduate scholarship for aspiring public service leaders in the United States.

The Harry S. Truman Scholarship foundation announced the winners April 14.

Raikes, a Campbellville, Kentucky, native, plans to use the scholarship toward her goal of attending Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., to earn a law degree and a Master's of Science in Georgetown's Addiction Policy and Practice program.

"Addiction is one of the most under-addressed and mistreated problems in our society to-

day," Raikes said. "It has deeply impacted our state, my community and my own family. I hope to dedicate my career in public service to dismantling policies that stand in the way of harm reduction and comprehensive recovery."

Raikes heard the news during an emotional surprise video call with UofL President Neeli Bendapudi.

"You are the best of the Cardinal Spirit," Bendapudi said. "You persevered through an extremely challenging year to earn this prestigious scholarship."

There were more than 800 applicants for this year's Truman Scholarship from more than 300 colleges and universities.

"Our best students stack up against anybody's best students," said Charlie Leonard, who directs UofL's Office of National and International Scholarship Opportunities. "We hit the jackpot

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Hall

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mary care services as well as mental health counseling, a pharmacy and a food and clothing pantry. To be healthy, she said, people need the basics of life. And she was going to help make sure they had those necessities.

"It's a shame in a country as rich as ours that people in Appalachia can get without food and they are hungry," Hall told The Courier Journal in 2014, adding that many were reluctant to seek help. "Our people — they're poor, but they're proud."

During her lifetime, Hall received numerous awards and accolades for her work and advocacy, including honorary doctorates from Berea, Midway and Pikeville colleges in Kentucky and Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut.

She was also the subject of a book, "Mud Creek Medicine," by Kiran Bhatraju.

Dr. Garrett Adams, who retired from the full-time faculty of the University of Louisville School of Medicine, reviewed Bhatraju's book in 2014. He wrote Hall's clinic provided for all of the patients' medical and mental care needs, transportation, food and shelter "not through any academic study of the health system or high-minded idealism, but out of an intuitive sense of what folks on the verge of poverty required."

"She was remarkable — somebody that every man and woman should look up to," Adams, a past president of Physicians for a National Health Program, said in an interview Sunday. "She was a hero and one of the most courageous women I ever heard of."

Kentucky's senior U.S. senator, Mitch McConnell, said in a statement Hall, a self-described "hillbilly ac-



Mud Creek Clinic founder Eula Hall, seen in 2014, died Saturday at age 93. JESSICA EBELHAR/COURIER JOURNAL FILE

combination of those," he said, though mixing doses isn't recommended. "It's theoretical about whether there's any benefit to get one vaccine then jump to another; there's not research trials that have proven that," Stack said. "Mixing and matching vaccines right now is theoretical — it's not been studied and it's not been proven yet. And so, for right now I would recommend you do not do that. Go back and get the second dose of the same vaccine, and if the science later shows otherwise then we'll update you on that when we reach that point."

activist," changed the lives of her neighbors, pouring "everything she had" into the Mud Creek clinic and devoting her life to medical care of Kentuckians.

"Even after a fire burned down the clinic, her team didn't miss a single day. Slowing down was simply never an option," said McConnell, who called her one of the toughest women he's ever met.

"Since Eula opened her doors nearly 50 years ago, she blessed her community and our Commonwealth with care and a generous spirit," he added. "She was a

lifelong champion of her people and will remain an inspiration for years to come."

Hall is survived by three sons, one daughter, eight grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren, according to an online obituary.

A funeral service will take place 10 a.m. Tuesday at Hall Funeral Home in Martin.

Courier Journal reporter Darcy Costello contributed to this report.

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perienced by some people who have had COVID-19. Those are among the most common and most serious symptoms associated with the virus.

Individuals 18 or older who have had COVID-19 confirmed by a diagnostic test are eligible to participate regardless of whether they have had lasting symptoms from the illness.

Vaccination status does not affect eligibility.

All appointments and tests are free. Information will be used for research only and will be kept confidential. Study visits are conducted every three to six months and participants are followed for about one year.

For more information, visit the website, email COVclinic@louisville.edu or call 502-852-8680.

Stack weighs in on vaccine myths

Dr. Steven Stack, the state's public health commissioner, said Thursday that despite "myths" going around, none of the vaccines have shown an impact on women's fertility.

"That is a falsehood, and we have not found any information to support that," he said.

Stack said it is recommended that people who are pregnant get the vac-

cine, "because the risk of the disease when you're pregnant is greater."

Starting Monday, Stack also said, Kentuckians will be able to enter their ZIP codes at www.vaccines.gov/ search to find the vaccination sites nearest them, as well as the option to choose which vaccine they want to get.

"This is something we have hoped for for a long time," Stack said. "We wanted people to be able to have choice. Previously, we didn't have enough vaccine for people to have choice. Now, for the most part, there's enough vaccine available that people can have choice."

"You'll be able to pick, do you want Pfizer, or Moderna, or J&J, or some

combination of those," he said, though mixing doses isn't recommended.

"It's theoretical about whether there's any benefit to get one vaccine then jump to another; there's not research trials that have proven that," Stack said. "Mixing and matching vaccines right now is theoretical — it's not been studied and it's not been proven yet. And so, for right now I would recommend you do not do that. Go back and get the second dose of the same vaccine, and if the science later shows otherwise then we'll update you on that when we reach that point."

In addition to the website that allows ZIP code input, Stack said people will be able to see vaccine

appointments via text. English speakers can text their ZIP codes to 438829 and get a reply text containing three site options. Spanish speakers can text their ZIP codes to 822862 for locations.

Kroger Field vaccine site to demobilize

After May 14, the COVID-19 vaccine clinic at the University of Kentucky Kroger Field in Lexington will demobilize and shift from the stadium to pharmacies operated by UK health, the uni-

versity announced Friday.

Starting May 19, vaccines will be available at UK pharmacies at 2317 Alumni Park Plaza, which includes a drive-thru option, and at University Health, 830 S. Limestone.

Individuals who need to schedule a second dose may do so at either pharmacy site.

Those wishing to schedule a vaccine may do so through ukvaccine.org.

More than 240,000 vaccine doses have been administered at the Kro-

ger Field site, which opened in January.

UK reports that so far, more than 60% of students, 70% of staff and 80% of faculty have had at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. The university strongly encourages students to get the vaccine.

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As cases grow, India's vaccination campaign falters

BY KRUTIKA PATHI
Associated Press

BENGALURU, INDIA

Since India opened vaccinations to all adults this month, hoping to tame a disastrous coronavirus surge sweeping across the country, the pace of administering the shots has dropped, with states saying they have limited stock.

Cases meanwhile are still rising at a record pace in the world's second-most populous nation. On Sunday, India reported 403,738 confirmed cases, including 4,092 deaths. Overall, India has over 22 million confirmed infections and 240,000 deaths. Experts say both figures are undercounts.

India's Supreme Court

said Saturday it would set up a national task force consisting of top experts and doctors to conduct an "oxygen audit" to determine whether supplies from the federal government were reaching states.

Complaints of oxygen shortages have dominated the top court recently, which stepped in earlier this week to make sure the federal government provided more medical oxygen to hospitals in the capital, New Delhi.

The country's massive vaccination drive kicked off sluggishly in January when cases were low and exports of vaccines were high, with 64 million doses going overseas. But as infections started to rise in March and April, India's exports drastically slowed down so doses went to its

own population. So far, around 10% of India's population have received one shot, while just under 2.5% have gotten both.

At its peak in early April, India was administering a record high of 3.5 million shots a day on average. But this number has consistently shrunk since, reaching an average of 1.3 million shots a day over the past week. Between April 6 and May 6, daily doses have dropped by 38%, even as cases have tripled and deaths have jumped sixfold, according to Bhramar Mukherjee, a biostatistician at the University of Michigan who has been tracking India's epidemic.

One reason for the drop in shots is that there are just not enough available, experts say. Currently,



RAJESH KUMAR SINGH AP

Flower vendors wearing masks await customers Sunday at a market in Prayagraj, India.

India's two vaccine makers produce an estimated 70 million doses each month of the two approved shots - AstraZeneca, made by the Serum Institute of India, and another by Bharat Biotech.

Vaccine supply has remained nearly the same since the drive began in January, but the target population eligible has increased by threefold, said Chandrakant Lahariya, a health policy expert.

In Kerala state, the drive to inoculate all adults is crawling along because "our single biggest problem is the very

slow arrival of supplies," said the state's COVID-19 officer, Amar Fettle.

In New Delhi, many are waiting for hours outside vaccination centers - but only after they've been able to book a slot.

Experts also point to a new policy change by the government, which has upended how doses are being distributed.

Previously, all of the stock was bought by the federal government and then administered to the population through both public and private health facilities.

But from May 1, all

available stock has been divided in two, with 50% purchased by the government going to public health centers to inoculate those above 45. The remaining half is being purchased by states and the private sector directly from manufacturers at set prices to give adults below 45.

This has led to lags as states and private hospitals, still adjusting to new rules, struggle to procure supplies on their own.

"You have now taken it out of a fairly efficient system where every dose was still centrally controlled," said Jacob John, a professor of community medicine at Christian Medical College, Vellore. "But with market forces at play and unprepared states burdened with such a daunting task, the efficiency of the system has fallen."

The government last month gave an advance to the Serum Institute of India and Bharat Biotech, which could help boost manufacturing. And last week, India received its first batch of Sputnik V vaccines.

China: Rocket debris burned up in re-entry

Associated Press

BEIJING

China's space agency said a core segment of its biggest rocket re-entered Earth's atmosphere above the Maldives in the Indian Ocean and that most of it burned up early Sunday.

Harvard astrophysicist Jonathan McDowell, who tracked the tumbling rocket part, said on Twitter: "An ocean reentry was always statistically the most likely. It appears China won its gamble. But

it was still reckless."

On social media, people in Jordan, Oman and Saudi Arabia reported sightings of the Chinese rocket debris, with scores of users posting footage of the debris piercing the early dawn skies over the Middle East.

Usually, discarded rocket stages re-enter the atmosphere soon after liftoff, normally over water, and don't go into orbit.

China's official Xinhua News Agency later clarified that re-entry occurred Sunday at 10:24

a.m. Beijing time.

"The vast majority of items were burned beyond recognition during the reentry process," the report said.

Despite that, NASA Administrator Sen. Bill Nelson issued a statement saying: "It is clear that China is failing to meet responsible standards regarding their space debris."

The roughly 100-foot-long rocket stage is among the biggest space debris to fall to Earth. China's space program, with its close military links, hasn't said why it put the main component of the rocket into space rather than allowing it to fall back to Earth soon after discharg-

ing its payload, as is usual in such operations.

The Long March 5B rocket carried the main module of China's first permanent space station - Tianhe, or "Heavenly Harmony" - into orbit on April 29.

An 18-ton rocket that fell in May 2020 was the heaviest debris to fall uncontrolled since the former Soviet space station Salyut 7 in 1991.

China's first space station, Tiangong-1, crashed into the Pacific Ocean in 2016 after Beijing confirmed it had lost control. In 2019, the space agency controlled the demolition of its second station, Tiangong-2, in the atmosphere.

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Police reform

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their list, after widespread protests erupted over the police killings of Breonna Taylor and George Floyd.

A Courier Journal analysis of more than a dozen Justice Department investigations of police agencies found these probes often result in better policing, but the pace often is glacial and the financial burden of the recommended reforms on cities — and taxpayers — can sometimes be crippling.

“The investigations are good for police departments — it helps them reorder and reorient,” said former New Orleans police chief Ronal Serpas, now a criminal justice professor at Loyola University New Orleans.

“The downside is it has to be consistent with what cities can afford.”

When the Justice Department and local U.S. Attorney’s office announced April 26 it was opening the “pattern and practice” investigation, they said it would determine whether the Louisville Metro Government and Metro Police have been violating citizens’ civil rights.

Such investigations typically are so detailed they can take a year or more.

“They are one of the most invasive forms of external regulation of a police department that we have,” said Stephen Rushin, an associate law professor at Loyola University Chicago who wrote a book about pattern and practice investigations.

While the Justice Department pays for the investigation, it’s up to a city — and taxpayers — to pay for recommended changes, such as technology and equipment upgrades, training and hiring experts or independent monitors.

In places such as New Orleans and Ferguson, Missouri, tight budgets have threatened to derail years of reform efforts stemming from federal investigations.

Louisville officials say reforms already underway

In Louisville, Mayor Greg Fischer has said he welcomes the investigation even as he says the city has made significant strides toward police reform in recent months, including establishing a police civilian review board.

“Many of the reforms we expect them to suggest are already underway here, including several in the 2022 budget proposal,” said Jean Porter, a spokeswoman for the mayor.

A \$190,000 comprehensive report by an outside firm Fischer hired found the police department “in crisis” and in need of immediate reform. The 158-page Hilliard Heintze report said Louisville police engaged in racially biased policing, failed to effectively monitor or discipline officers and had lost the community’s trust.

Mehveen Riaz, a Justice Department trial attorney based in Washington D.C., said the Heintze report was a high-level review primarily focused on policies and

training for select areas.

“Our investigation is more comprehensive and it’s going to dig deeper,” Riaz said during an online forum about the investigation.

Led by Justice Department attorneys, a team of policing experts will determine whether Louisville police use unreasonable force, including during peaceful protests; engage in unconstitutional stops, searches and seizures; and discriminate against people based on race.

They’ll also determine whether the department and Metro Government fail to provide public services in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. For example: Do officers mistreat or use more force against people with behavioral disabilities?

The probe will also involve significant input from citizens, she said.

Aprile Hearn, a Louisville protester and executive director of the Better Dayz Youth Coalition, said the investigation is long overdue.

“I’m not 100% convinced that anything will come from it, but I am glad they’re here. It gives us a fresh breath,” Hearn said.

What happened in other cities

The New Orleans probe took about 10 months, reviewing more than 36,000 pages of documents, spending hundreds of hours in community meetings and observing police officers, and interviewing officers, public officials, victims and witnesses to police misconduct.

The subsequent findings were scathing and recommendations vast, touching nearly every element of policing. They resulted in the nation’s longest consent decree at the time, an agreement that outlines what the city, police department and independent monitors who report to the judge are required to do.

In 2019, the U.S. District judge overseeing the department said its progress had been “remarkable” over the past five years.

In a survey, residents’ approval rating of the New Orleans Police Department was about 33% in 2009. As of October 2020, that figure was 57% — and 74% of respondents said their interaction with police department employees was “pleasant and courteous.”

In Baltimore, a Justice Department investigation took 14 months, with another seven months to draft a 19-section, 510-paragraph consent decree, said Shannon Sullivan, director of the Baltimore Police Department’s Consent Decree Implementation Unit.

The process of finalizing policies, drafting and training officers is still ongoing.

Next month, Baltimore police will see an early result of the investigation: a computer-based records management system promised in the consent decree four years ago. Some consent decrees are tailored to the agency and its problems and some focus on best practices nationally. But in all cases, Rushin said, they’re a negotiation that often involves the community. The alternative is fighting the Justice Department’s lawsuit in court.

‘Cities are going broke’

Since the New Orleans investigation unveiled a long list of problems in 2010, the city has spent at least \$60 million on infrastructure, technology and independent monitors, said Serpas, who was the city’s police chief until 2014.

New Orleans, a historically poor city, has spent about \$1.8 million per year for the last nine on its police monitors — about what it costs to run the city’s public library system.

Serpas said the city didn’t get federal funding for reforms while he was chief. But in 2015, the Justice Department gave the city \$1.9 million to hire 15 community police officers and purchase more body cameras — part of \$107 million doled out to agencies across the country that applied for it.

Serpas said everyone wants constitutional policing, but the federal government has to find a way to mitigate the cost.

“The reality is cities are going broke trying to pay for the reforms,” he said.

In Ferguson, where 18-year-old unarmed Michael Brown was shot by police in 2014, the burden has fallen on taxpayers. Residents in 2016 voted twice to raise taxes to maintain a balanced budget.

With a small tax base and a \$13 million city-wide annual budget, the city spent \$1 million in the first three

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Henry L. Christmon directed City of Cincinnati youth programs

Contributed by the Family of Henry L. Christmon



Henry L. Christmon
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Henry Lewis Christmon was born January 6, 1935, in Richmond, Indiana, to John and Lucille Christmon. He was blessed with amazing siblings Mary Lou Gooding, Annie Mae Harlin, Robert “Bobby” Christmon, John “Sonny” Christmon and Kenneth Christmon.

His parents instilled deep family values and that transcended through generations including understanding the value of hard work. He held a paper route while in school with the help of his dad. He graduated from Richmond High School and used his paper route money to attend Miami University graduating with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Arts with a Minor in Humanities, Accounting, and Economics. After graduating he was drafted into the United States Army in 1957-1959, statin the Military Police.

Following his time in the Army, he moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he worked selling life insurance. During his time in Cincinnati, he met the love of his life in December of 1959, Kathleen Boughman. He asked Kathleen’s father

for her hand in marriage promising him that he would build her a house.

The couple had a beautiful wedding on September 24, 1960. Keeping to his word, three months later they moved into the home he built in Lincoln Heights, Ohio/

Mr. Christmon was taught the value of obtaining an education and with that he attended Xavier University in Cincinnati, where he received a Master’s in Counseling and Guidance. Afterward, he continued his graduate studies at Kent School of Social Work in Louisville, Kentucky.

Over 10 years, the couple welcomed four children into their home: Scott, Gregory, Roderick and Jonathan Christmon. His children remember him as

always looking for a project, being kind, patient, always driven, and a father who always encouraged them to pursue their goals. He would have his kids join him every Saturday to work on maintenance on apartment buildings that he owned, he named that venture CWS LLC (Christmon, Wife, and Son’s).

Mr. Christmon was a hard worker and held many positions for the City of Cincinnati, which included:

- Director of the Neighborhood Youth Core
- Director of Citizens Committee on Youth (CCY)
- Director of Employment and Training Specialist at CCY
- Director of CETA program

He was a pioneer and developed and implemented programs that enabled both the youth and adults to gain the skills and education needed to survive. On November 15, 1967, the Vice President of the United States Hubert Humphrey wrote a letter to him expressing his gratitude for his service to the City of the Cincinnati, after visiting him at his office. Giving himself unselfishly to his community, he finally retired in 1995.

Mr. Christmon was a generous, witty and dedicated individual,

who loved being with his family and friends. A man who was passionate about equal rights, education and traditions. A man who loved vacationing with his family at Hilton Head Island. A man who loved his children and his grandchildren. A man who never missed a meal and loved a good meal at Kat’s Sunday Dinners & Monkey Bread. He also loved Chrissy’s smothered pork chops, Nicole’s mac & cheese, Rosalinda’s quesadillas, and Jessica introducing him to a Keurig coffee machine.

Mr. Christmon was proceeded in death by his parents, John and Lucille Christmon; brothers, the Rev. Kenneth Christmon Sr., the Rev. Robert “Bobby” Christmon Sr. (Lucinda Christmon), John “Sonny” Christmon Jr., Mary Lou Gooding (George Gooding) and Anne Mae Harlin.

He is survived by his wife Kathleen Christmon; his children, Scott Christmon (Christine Christmon), Gregory Christmon (Jessica Christmon), Roderick Christmon (Rosalinda Christmon), and Jonathan Christmon Sr., (Nicole Christmon); his nine grandchildren and other relatives and friends.

A tribute to Henry Christmon

By James Clingman

I met “Chris” in 1960, when I was 15 years old. Since that time, I can truly say that he played a major role in my professional growth and career development. He never hesitated to employ, counsel and provide other work opportunities for me during those years. He also did the same for thousands of others, by helping to propel them to higher endeavors.

It is appropriate that his last name begins with “Christ,” because Chris always sought ways to help the “least” among us. He was innovative and creative, and always had an answer whenever problems came up in the various employment and training programs under his authority.

Jerry Brown, one of Chris’ closest protégés, referred to him as the “Magician,” which many of us also believed because Chris always found new and innovative ways to help the unemployed, underemployed, disabled, high school dropouts and so many others. He neither sought the spotlight nor

flew so high that everyone could see him. Instead, he flew extremely low, used a searchlight to find the needy among us, so he could lift them up to fly with him.

Many of Chris’ employees ended up not just in jobs, but also in careers and professions. Some moved on to be department heads at City Hall, while others became mechanics, nurses, barbers and beauticians, construction workers, engineers, attorneys, and even city managers, because of his energy, inspiration, and creativity.

On a personal note, Henry encouraged me to take on challenges beyond what I thought were within my potential, which included my proposing and writing a position paper in 1991 that led to the formation of the African American Chamber in 1996.

Chris pushed us out of the nest, beyond our comfort zones, and we will always be indebted to him for his trust, confidence, and love for us. I am so grateful to him for seeing more in me than I could see in myself.

Thank you “Kat,” and your sons, for sharing this great man with us.

Sports commentary

MLB unwritten rules silly, costly

By Conrad Clowers
Cincinnati Herald
Contributor

Baseball is a funny sport. Baseball players have memories like elephants. Doing the slightest thing wrong (such as the job you are paid to do) can be hazardous to your heath.

For example, a batters objective is to get on base. If a batter hits a home run and does the slightest to

celebrate, it could literally kill him. A batter hitting a home run and flipping a bat, pounding a chest, or doing any type of celebration is shown as a sign of disrespect to a pitcher. The pitcher never forgets when it happens. When the batter comes to bat next, the pitcher more often than not will retaliate from the celebration. A 90+ mile per hour fastball may land in the batters ribcage, leg, or even head.

This is the type of ridiculous nonsense that goes on in Major League Baseball.

The MLB season is only about a quarter of the way done. Cincinnati already has two players that have been suspended for being involved in ‘unwritten’ rules. The first to be punished was Nick Castellanos. On opening day, Castellanos hit a home run off St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Jake Woodford. After hitting the homer,

Castellanos flipped the bat. Woodford didn’t forget the bat flip. By some magical way, Woodford ended up hitting Castellanos with a pitch later in the month. Castellanos eventually scored at a close play at home plate. After scoring on the close play and being called safe, the Reds outfielder/third baseman stood over Woodford and shouted his emotions from scoring. Cardinal’s catcher Yadier Molina retaliated the emotions by putting his hands on Castellanos. It would eventually clear the benches. When all was said and done, it was Castellanos who was suspended for two

games. Amir Garrett would be the next Reds player MLB would come down on. Garrett has a reputation as a fiery player. Garrett, who had been in a pitching slump, struck out Chicago Cubs Anthony Rizzo. After striking out Rizzo, who Garrett has a history with, the tall sizable Reds pitcher showed emotion and shouted his joy to the Cub bench. Chicago took exception to the emotion. Cubs Javier Baez in particular did not like it. Words were exchanged and benches cleared. After the dust settled, once again, it was the Red who would

get in the most trouble. Garrett would be suspended seven games for the incident currently under appeal.

If the NFL was like MLB, most to all players would be playing for free. None would likely have a paycheck after the fines were distributed.

MLB players are human. They are not robots. The league needs to realize this and stop being so quick to hand out suspensions when no punches are actually thrown. If the sport would do this, maybe they wouldn’t have lost the ‘unwritten’ title of America’s favorite pastime.

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Interact for Health announces new member of research and evaluation team

By Emily Gresham Werhle
Interact for Health



Andra Smith
Provided

Center at Houston.

Smith has also conducted research around a variety of public health issues, ranging from teen dating violence to heart failure to adolescent sexual health.

“Evaluation and research help us to understand the impact of our investments and identify facilitators of and barriers to progress and impact,” said Kelley Adcock, Director of Research and Evaluation. “By facilitating reflection, learning and use of results, Andra will help our internal and grant making teams drive continuous improvement and institutionalize lessons learned.”

Andra also earned a master’s in public health from UTHealth and a Bachelor of Arts in health science from Rice University. A native of Long Island, New York, Smith recently relocated to Southwestern Ohio.

Cincinnati poet laureate emeritus publishes sixth book

By Margee Garbsch
DePaul Cristo Rey

Shaped by the birth of his daughter, becoming an immigrant father, the global pandemic, and his personal spirituality, “The Parting Present/Lo Que Se Irá” is the sixth book of poetry published by Manuel Iris, Ph.D. This work by the DePaul Cristo Rey teacher and Cincinnati Poet Laureate Emeritus is his first to be published simultaneously in the United States and Mexico in English and Spanish.

The book, released in April, is Dr. Iris’ second book to be published in the United States.

He has been a teacher at DPCR since 2013, serves as Hispanic Outreach Coordinator for Spanish-speaking families, and coached the school’s spoken word poetry team prior to the pandemic. He served as Cincinnati poet laureate from 2018 to 2020. He has published five other volumes of poetry in four different countries and is the youngest person to ever win the Rudolfo Figueroa Poetry Award, a national honor awarded by the government of Chiapas, Mexico, in 2014.

Iris holds a bachelor’s degree in Latin American Literature from the Autonomous University



Manuel Iris
Provided

of the Yucatan, a master’s degree in Spanish Literature from New Mexico State University, and a doctorate in Romance Languages from the University of Cincinnati.

Three Winton Woods seniors to graduate with associate degrees

By Corina Denny
Winton Woods City Schools

Forest Park—Three exceptionally hard-working Winton Woods High School students will be collecting more than a high school diploma on May 20. This incredible trio consists of Mya Jackson, Renaud Noubieptie, and Nicolantonio Prentosito.

They have much to be proud of. The trio has attained a challenging academic achievement by earning enough college credits to obtain an associate’s degree.

While some were inspired to pursue this goal from watching friends, others saw it as an opportunity to get a first-hand experience of college. “I saw a friend working on his associate’s degree while in high school, and I thought I can do that too,” said Noubieptie.



Shown from left are Nico Prentosito, Mya Jackson, and Renaud Noubieptie. Photo by Drew Jackson.

Prentosito encouraged students to take advantage of this opportunity. “It is the next step in better preparing for college,” said Prentosito, who became Miami University’s youngest student as an 11-year-old in the eighth grade. “This responsibility is up to you.”

The students mentioned how taking college courses influenced their decision

when selecting their major. After taking a sociology class, Mya was so intrigued with the study of human behavior that she decided to major in sociology. “I’m looking forward to learning why people react the way they do.” Advice she would give to students is to “see if you can start taking the courses earlier, even as early as 8th grade. Get as many

credits as you can and work at a pace you can handle.

College work is different. It takes time,” said Jackson. Prentosito plans to double major in social justice and computer science. “I took Introduction to the Criminal Justice System and Law and the Courts, and the courses were both very interesting. I enjoyed the topics and the robust conversations.

Becoming totally immersed in the classes really helped me select the field of law as a future endeavor.”

When asked how Prentosito balanced his school workload, extracurriculars and life, he said, “I go to the class, pay attention, complete the homework with fidelity, and participate in extracurriculars. One thing that I can attest to is that a planner is extremely helpful. It keeps you on track to know when assignments are due.” Prentosito is a National Merit Scholar and plans to become a great lawyer.

“It feels good to almost be done,” said Noubieptie, who started taking college courses in 2019 as a junior. “At first, I thought it was impossible, then I put my mind to it. Then, I saw my friend complete courses, and I thought I can do this, too. I’m ambitious.”

Noubieptie plans to become a philanthropist. “We need each other to survive. I am who I am because of you. Life is about everyone in the world. We cannot keep moving forward while leaving others behind.” Noubieptie plans to double major in computer science and physics with a minor in international affairs. Advice he would give students is “if you want to accomplish a goal, figure out how you’re going to get there and focus.”

Superintendent Anthony G. Smith, said, “Congratulations to the talented trio, Mya Jackson, Renaud Noubieptie, and Nicolantonio Prentosito. You are truly ambassadors for Winton Woods City Schools. We look forward to having more students earn associate’s degrees in the near future.”

Black actress brings hit one-woman show to the Cincinnati Fringe Festival

By Crystal Kendrick
Entertainment Editor



Melissa Cole
Photo by Samantha Rayward

characters throughout the show.

Since Mo-to-the-oncle’s 2016 premiere in New York City, Cole has taken her wild one-woman performance on the road to Fringe festival stages in cities across the country, with critical acclaim along the way. However, in spite of garnering acclaim nationally, Cole laments that these experimental theater festivals don’t usually attract too many Black patrons. “I hope that this virtual

showing of Mo-to-the-oncle will bring out Cincinnati’s Black theatergoers,” she begins. “I think that in media and entertainment, especially in recent years, we’ve been inundated with stories and imagery of Black trauma, and it can be exhausting to constantly rehash the most painful aspects of our history. As an independent theater producer, I sought to create something that’s truthful, yes, but still joyful at the same time.”

A Long Island, New York, native, Cole is a graduate of New York University.

More about Fringe: The Cincinnati Fringe Festival is produced by Know Theatre of Cincinnati. A 14-day celebration of theatre, art, music, film, dance and everything between—that’s Kinda WEIRD. Like YOU! Now in its 17th year, Cincy Fringe (as its succinctly known) presents over 200

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Sarah Elizabeth Carter-Rhodus observes 80 birthday in style

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In honor of her birth, her family threw her a surprise party at her church Fellowship Hall, Macedonia Living Word Fellowship, on Saturday, April 24 in Cincinnati. This plan had been in the making since the beginning of the year. Surprising her wasn't easy...since she's always trying to figure out what everyone's up to. "It was hard keeping up with the guest list and food items, and other arrangements. We know some people wouldn't feel comfortable coming out due to the pandemic. But celebration was in order. She's been in the house long enough," said her daughter, Pam. Her son, Buster, told her they were going to a photo shoot and then out to dinner that Saturday



Sarah Elizabeth Carter-Rhodus (center) is joined by family members as she observes her 80th birthday. Provided

evening just to get her out of the house. Little did she know she would be surprised by family and friends she hadn't seen in years. Even a surprise visit from her granddaughter, Ellaina, from North Carolina. Plus, a special visit from her friend Minerva, from Atlanta. Minerva had been ill, which made her visit extra special. She also

enjoyed her old friend Willa Jackson." Her granddaughter, Ebony (aka EboNiQ) a standup comic, had the pleasure of telling jokes and even roasting her dear Grandmother Sarah. Sarah has been a faithful member of Macedonia for almost 50 years. She is affectionately known by her grandchildren as "Gigi."

Warthen celebrates 106th birthday

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The Cottingham threw Lillie Warthen a big birthday party on Tuesday, May 25, her 106th birthday. Friends, family and her Greater New Hope Baptist Church family, led by its pastor, Dr. Donald Jones Sr. came to celebrate. Ms. Warthen was born in Georgia and moved to Cincinnati to find work. She attended the Robert Taft High School night school and earned her high school diploma at age 66. Cincinnati's Office of Human Relations Director Paul Booth asked the City to honor her, so Mayor John Cranley declared May 25, 2021, "Lillie Warthen Day in Cincinnati."



City Councilmember Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney presented the City's Proclamation to Lillie Warthen. Provided

African American Chamber hires initiatives and relationship director

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The Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky African American Chamber of Commerce (AACC) announced the addition of Briston Mitchell as the director of transformative initiatives and relationships. Mitchell will develop and increase relationships with AACC members and supporters, as well as create and execute AACC programs. "As your African American Chamber celebrates its 25th anniversary, we are excited to



Briston Mitchell Provided

welcome Briston to our hard-working team of visionaries. Her expertise in transformation will help guide the vibrancy and growth of the next generation of Black-owned businesses," said

Eric Kearney, president and CEO of the AACC. Prior to joining the AACC, Mitchell served as a case manager for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit in Cincinnati and worked in corporate diversity and inclusion for the Kroger Co. She holds an associate degree in business administration from the University of Cincinnati. Mitchell lives in Monroe, Ohio, with her husband, Marshall. Her two children attend the School for Creative and Performing Arts in Cincinnati.

Delores Hargrove-Young joins Vehr Board of Advisors

By Max Winter
Vehr Communications

Delores Hargrove-Young, vice chairwoman for d.e. Foxx & Associates and a 2020 Enquirer Woman of the Year, has joined Vehr Communications' Board of Advisors. Hargrove-Young previously served d.e. Foxx & Associates as president & COO of XLC Services, LLC, where she led the company in its attainment of various prestigious awards, including the Cincinnati USA Supplier Diversity

Circle of Excellence, Eli Lilly & Company Supplier of the Year, P&G Minority Supplier of the Year (two-time winner) and the African American Chamber of Commerce Small Business of the Year. She brings a robust track record of community stewardship to Vehr Communications and continues to serve on numerous nonprofit organizations throughout the Cincinnati region. "We couldn't be more excited to welcome Delores to our board," said Nick Vehr, CEO



Delores Hargrove-Young Provided

and founder of Vehr Communications. "Her leadership in supplier diversity, business development and community service will be instrumental as we provide counsel to our clients throughout the region."

Donna Winston's short film to be shown at Esquire

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Donna Winston's short film "The Devil On Earth" will be shown at the Esquire Theater in Clifton on June 19 at three show times: 7 p.m., 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. This film is about a wealthy business tycoon, played by Britton Carter, who wants not only total control over a company he shares with his younger sister Fiona, played by Winston, but also the people in his life as well, until his family is fed up with his manipulating ways and the table begins to turn. This is Winston's second short film that she has



Donna Winston Provided

written, directed and starred in. Her first short film was released last October and sold out at the Esquire during the pandemic. That film, "Running Backwards," is about three young best friends, who were abducted and sold

into sex trafficking. That film has recently been nominated at the Festigious Los Angeles Film Competition the outcome is still pending. "Running Backwards" can be viewed on YouTube. It has a very powerful message for parents and children. If you would like to know more, contact Winston at winosierproduction770@gmail or mechellewinston8@icloud.com. Winston is from the Mt. Healthy community in Cincinnati. She attended McAuley High School freshman and sophomore year, then Scarlet Oaks, graduating from Mt. Healthy High School. He is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati, with a B.A in Criminal Justice and a MBA Degree.



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The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC), in accordance with its established "Statewide Transportation Planning Interested Parties, Public Involvement, and Consultation Process," hereby provides notice of the availability of the Draft FY 2021-2024 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program for public inspection, review, and comment for a 30-day period beginning May 10, 2021, and ending June 8, 2021.

The Draft FY 2021-2024 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program will be displayed at: <http://bit.ly/KYTCSTIP>

Any individual, agency, or organization may provide written comments to:

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