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Race bias claimed in hearing

Funeral home owner says councilman used race to kill crematory

BY RYAN CRAIG TODD COUNTY STANDARD

that he believes a councilman used that he thought Councilman Frank a crematory being put inside the old improperly to "draw a line in the

ity on North Main Street.

Todd County Funeral Home proposed crematory. The owner of an Elkton funeral owner Shane Hessey told the council

home told the Elkton City Council at its regular meeting Monday night claims, saying the issue was more about putting a crematory near lowrace to help drum up support against McReynolds used his position income housing and not about race.

when it came to the location of a ing to the public — mostly African- town because of who lives there. American, he said — at a Planning McReynolds disputed Hessey's Commission meeting last Thursday.

jean washing facility) was considered the black part of town," Hessey said. Hessey said he withdrew the pro- Hessey claimed he was unfairly

Flynn Enterprises jean washing facil- sand between blacks and whites" posal for the crematory after listen- accused of targeting a certain part of

Hessey told the council that he has African-American employees "I never knew (the area near the and claimed that another business publicly said "I am the n— funeral home of Todd County."

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BAILEY TO HEAD MY OLD KENTUCKY HOME STATE PARK



The Federal Hill historic mansion is located at My Old Kentucky Home State Park. Elkton native Matthew Colin Bailey has been named as the manager of this flagship state park.

FROM STAFF REPORTS **TODD COUNTY STANDARD**

An Elkton native has been chosen the manager at

Commonwealth's flagship state park. Matthew Colin Bailey will take over the position at My Old Kentucky Home State Park in Bardstown, State Parks Commissioner Elaine Walker announced this week.

Bailey is a University of Kentucky graduate with a bachelor's degree in architecture and is working to complete a masters in historic preservation. Bailey has worked as a research assistant at the University of Kentucky, for the Commonwealth of Kentucky's Division of Historic Properties, and as of Preservation and Director Development at Belle Meade Plantation Historic Site in Nashville.

He has served as lead designer and director of advertising at Willow Branch Partners in Franklin, Tenn.,

Chad James Group in Nashville, where July 4, 1923, includes the historic he completed projects for country mansion formally known as Federal music artists Luke Bryan and Joe Don Hill. Construction of Federal Hill was Rooney of Rascal Flatts.

Bailey is president and founder of the Green Academy Preservation Society. Bailey also founded the Guthrie Transportation Museum.

headed back to Kentucky, Bailey said: "Gov. Happy Chandler Foster Story," which is the longest-runonce said, 'I've never seen a ning outdoor musical. Kentuckian who wasn't either thinking about going home or actually going home,' to which I'm sure any person from Kentucky has found to be true, so when the opportunity to help My Old Kentucky Home became available, I couldn't pass up the opportunity to Foster-composed songs are part of finally come back home."

My Old Kentucky Home State Park,

most recently working as a designer at the first state-owned park, established started by John Rowan -- a cousin of Stephen Foster, who visited the home in his youth and later penned the state song "My Old Kentucky Home" with the historic home in mind -- in 1795 and was completed in 1818.

The 235-acre park also has an 18hole state-owned golf course, camp-It feels right that he is ground, picnic area and a summertime theatrical production – "The Stephen

> My Old Kentucky Home sees its largest number of visitors before Derby and during the summer months, a large portion of which are guests native to foreign countries and primarily China and Japan, where Stephen school curricula, Bailey said.

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Trenton to seek fire department renovation

BY AMY DUNCAN KEARNS TODD COUNTY STANDARD

Commission voted Monday to seek bids for renovation of the city's existing fire department.

A new fire department Community mission agenda and residents' minds for several months.

architect Josh Wright pre-

sented the commission with a preliminary cost estimate of \$329,128. The cost Though it has been taking included a 2,400 square feet steps toward building a new pre-engineered steel truck fire department, the Trenton bay in addition to a training room, kitchenette and 2 bathrooms.

The commission had planned to apply for a Development building has been on the com- Block Grant to fund 85 percent of the cost.

The proposed land site was In January, Clarksville not included in the cost SEE TRENTON, PAGE 3

Kirkmansville Activity Center damaged by fire

BY TONYA S. GRACE

TODD COUNTY STANDARD

Activity Center caused mini- Clifty and Allegre Volunteer mal damage and resulted in no Fire Departments responding injuries to residents living in a to the blaze, which started in house that is attached to the the attic. center just across from Helen's Place.

Todd County Emergency Management Deputy Director

Judy Toombs said Todd County Dispatch was notified of the fire at 9:13 a.m. April A fire at the Kirkmansville 11, with firefighters from the

> No one was at the house at the time of the fire, Toombs

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Fiscal Court to seek grant for new resque squad facility

BY TONYA S. GRACE

TODD COUNTY STANDARD

magistrates have expressed an Greenfield, who noted that interest in pursuing a grant to support the building of a new facility for the Todd County Rescue Squad.

County Todd Judge-Executive Daryl Greenfield magistrates during Friday's court meeting that he for a consensus agreement talked with William Randolph,

the rescue squad chief, about

applying for a grant to support

construction of the squad's pole barn building.

"I want to help them build Todd County Fiscal Court this anyway they can," said local labor could be utilized as an in-kind match if the squad is awarded a grant.

He said local workers could easily contribute \$8,000 or \$9,000 of in-kind labor to the project, and Greenfield asked among the magistrates.

They said they would be

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AWARD

NEW ARRIVAL

Cade Andrew Wilson, son of Kyle and Kasey Wilson, was born March 6, 2015 at Jennie Stuart Medical Center.

He weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Cade has two siblings, Jake and Abby Wilson.

His maternal grandparents are Phil and Reta Templeman.

His paternal grandparent is Teresa Wilhite.

His maternal greatgrandparents are Carl

and Cynthia

Templeman and the late Estel and Mildred Turner His paternal great-grandparents are the Rev. Tommy and Mary Wilhite.



Cade Andrew Wilson

Christopher Lynn Young received the Annual President's Award for 2014 and was named "Employee of the Year" for Silgan Plastics Inc. Chris was honored at a dinner in St. Louis, Missouri on March 24. Chris is a Process Technician at the Franklin, Ky. plant. Silgan Plastics is an International Corporation headquartered in Chesterfield, Missouri with currently 20 manufacturing plants within the United States and Canada. Silgan Plastics is a pre-

mier manufacturer of plastic containers in North America. Chris has been at the Franklin plant for 18 plus years (19 as of May). Chris is a 1991 graduate of Todd County Central High School and the son of Dana and Cheryl Young.

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Crematory

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Hessey said he felt he had a good record on race relations with his business and the community and he withdrew his plans for the crematory because of "the people in the chairs" at last week's planning commission.

Hessey said he had a \$250,000 investment in the building and offered to sell the building to the city.

McReynolds told Hessey and the council that he attended the Planning Commission meeting as a private citizen.

"I did not draw a race line," the councilman said. "The objection wasn't race-based. It was more or less about (the crematory) being put in a lower income area.'

McReynolds said he spoke to business owners and citizens of all races across the city and even claimed that a local person, who is white, was prepared to submit a petition against the crematory if it had passed Planning the Commission.

"I talked to people all over the community, not just African-Americans, who were opposed," McReynolds said. "The (opposition) was not based on race."

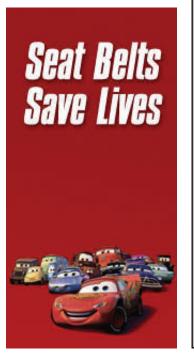
Hessey also complained about having his business plans discussed by members of the Planning Commission to the public and competing businesses, but City Attorney Jeff Traughber told Hessey that discussions in a public meeting are not privileged.

There has been a lot of controversy in Tennessee over crematories near the residential areas, but the proposed site for the crematory would not have been in a "residential area."

After the meeting Traughber said the old Flynn's washing facility was zoned as "light industrial" and was not part of any residential zoning in the city.

Traughber said that even if the crematory plan had passed the Planning Commission, the city council would still have to approve an ordinance change to allow crematories.

For now, Traughber said, if Hessey or anyone wants to have a crematory in Elkton, they would have to start over in the process.





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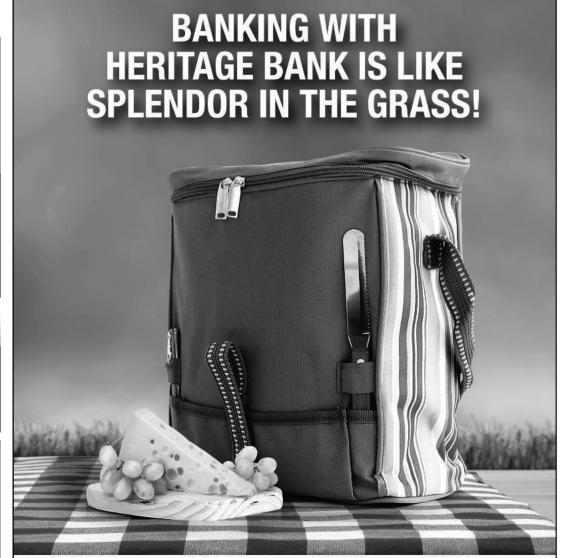


Kindergarten registration for North Todd Elementary School will be held all day on April 24. Children must be 5 years old by Oct.1 to be registered. The registration is only for students that did not attend preschool at North Todd Elementary or South Todd Elementary. You will need to bring an official birth certificate, social security card, physical, eye exam, and dental exam. You may call the front office to schedule an appointment. Your child will need to attend the meeting as well. All documents are needed prior to the first day of school.









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