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Opioid money disbursed

Board of Education, VOA receive lawsuit monies from fiscal court

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The Clay Fiscal Court sent a message Thursday that children are our future and drug prevention was needed badly.

The court was discussing the distribution of Opioid Settlement money. The county's share of the state lawsuit is just over \$1.7 million to be distributed over a 14-year period.

The first allotment to the county is for \$361,918.00. An application process was held for distributing the funds. A three-person committee reviewed all applicants and made recommendations to the court for a final decision.

Over \$1 million was requested in the applications, according to Dr. Deann Allen.

"A group of three individuals looked over the grants and worked on the value for each," Allen said. "Some of the items requested are not eligible to be paid for through this grant."

Large amounts were requested by the Clay

See LAWSUIT A11

“We’ve got to give them (the board) every penny we can to help our kids.”

Jerry Combs--
Fifth District Magistrate

NORTH MANCHESTER WATER ASSOCIATION WOES 'Worse than Watergate'

North Manchester Water Association fails to make required payment to fiscal court; magistrate says audit would be 'worse than Watergate'

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"If an audit was held on the North Manchester Water Association, it would be worse than the Watergate scandal," said first district magistrate Russell "Rabbit" Smith when he learned the associ-

ation failed to make their monthly payment to the fiscal court.

County Judge-Executive Tommy Harmon told the court they did not receive the required monthly payment from the water association for reimbursement of a loan through the Kentucky

See WATERGATE A8

Public Service Commission concludes NMWA inquiry

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A nearly two-and-a-half-year investigation into the North Manchester Water Association by the Public Service Commission concluded last week.

The results of the investigation will have an impact on the association's customers as PSC requested a rate increase be filed.

The commission filed the notice in September 2021 on violations for allegedly failing to comply with KRS 278.140, KRS 278.230, 807 KAR 5:006 Section 4 and KRS 278.990. The willful failure to comply presents prima facie evidence of incompetency, neglect of duty, gross immorality, or nonfeasance,

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The Clay County Historical Society is planning their spring tour to the Red Bird area of the county.

Spring tours set for Red Bird area

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Join the Clay County Historical Society as they travel in the footsteps of long hunters John Gilbert and Dillion Asher and see where they – and the pioneers who followed – entered Clay County along the Warrior's Path.

They'll visit the historic Red Bird Ranger Station in the heart of the Daniel Boone National Forest, view rock writings at the "thrashing"

See TOURS A8

SHERIFF, CLERK TURN OVER EXCESS FEES



Sheriff Patrick Robinson turns over his department's excess fees to County Judge-Executive Tommy Harmon and Third District Magistrate Sonny Gay during the regular fiscal court meeting Thursday.

Excess fees turned over during informative fiscal court meeting

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A new tax computer system will be in place for the 2022 tax bills. It was announced during the monthly fiscal court meeting Thursday.

Sheriff Patrick Robinson says property owners will be able to go online look at their property tax bills

and print off their receipts once the county website is up and running.

The current system the sheriff's department uses was sold out to another entity, causing the change.

Federal Grant
\$990,000 federal grant applied for by Volun-

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