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Maxey Flats gets more than \$35 million

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FRANKFORT | More than \$35 million is included in the \$19.2 billion state budget Kentucky lawmakers passed into law last week, for a permanent cap and continued monitoring of the Maxey Flats Disposal Site in Fleming County, officials said on Thursday.

Of the more than \$35.1 million proposed by Gov. Steve Beshear and approved by state lawmakers, \$17 million will come from bond funds while the remaining \$18.1 million will be drawn from trust funds from various parties, said State Rep. Mike Denham.

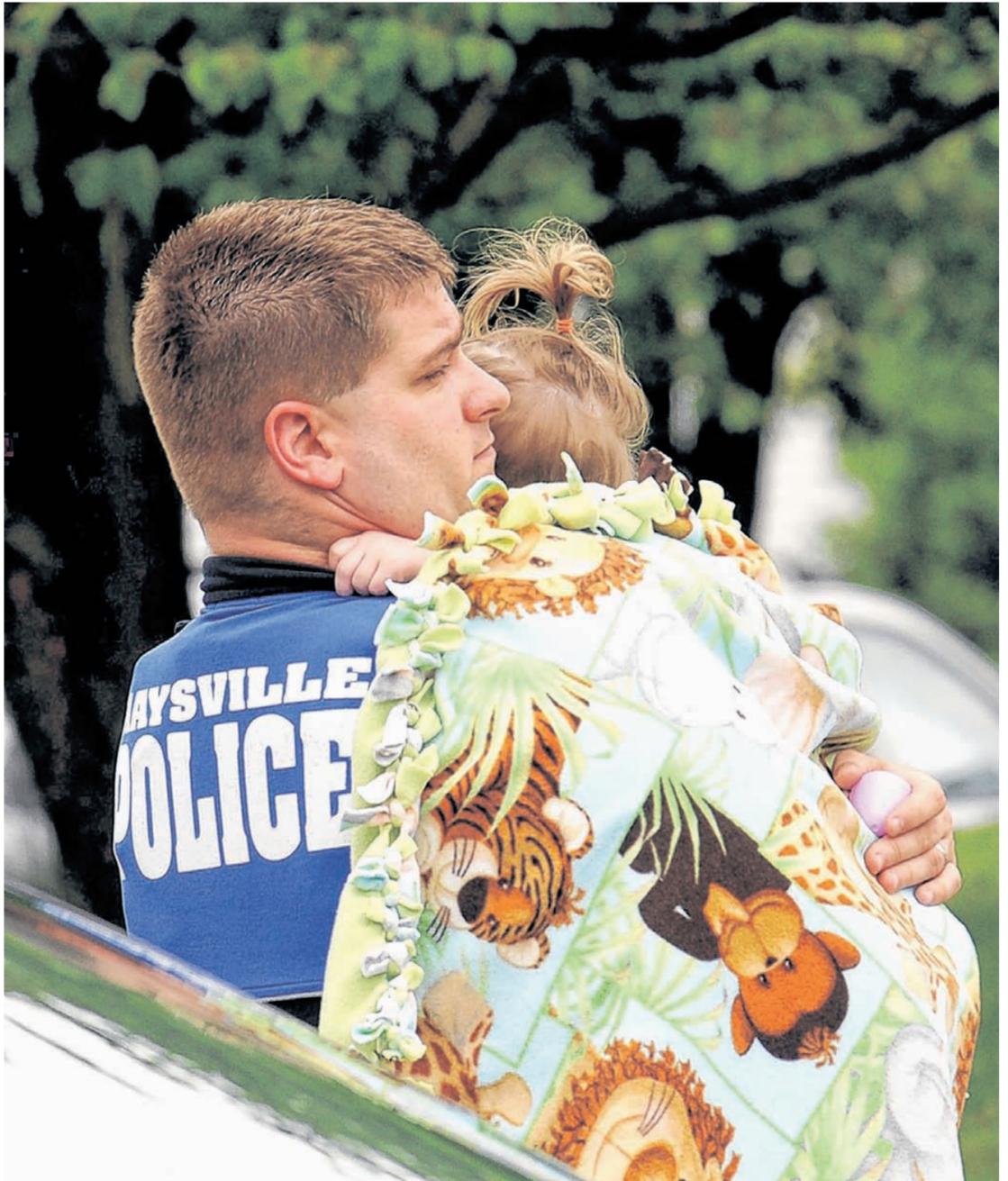
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The 49-year-old Maxey Flats Disposal Site is a low-level radioactive waste disposal site where corporate and government waste was dumped between 1963 and 1977. It is now managed by the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet.



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TERRY PRATHER, THE LEDGER INDEPENDENT
Maysville Police Officer Justin Merrill holds a two-year-old child as he waits for a representative from social services to arrive Thursday on Vine Street.

MOTHER CHARGED AFTER TODDLER FOUND UNSUPERVISED

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The mother of a 2-year-old child was arrested Thursday after the toddler was found unsupervised near a busy street.

According to Lt. Justin Horch with the Maysville Police Department, a resident in the area of Main and Vine streets notified police of the toddler girl wandering around near the sidewalk and street unattended around 11:30 a.m. Horch said Officer Justin Merrill was dispatched to the area and after making sure the child was safe, attempted to locate where the child

lived, but was unable to make contact with the parent(s).

Horch said the child was placed in protective custody with Children's Social Services office and as officers were about to canvas the area in an attempt to locate family, the toddler's mother, Melissa Rose, 25, of Maysville contacted the police department.

According to Horch, a neighbor informed Rose of the child's whereabouts and was told she was in the



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custody of police; Rose told police she was asleep when the toddler left the apartment, which is not where Rose lives.

Rose met with Sgt. Jared Muse at the Social Services office for an interview and she was charged with first-degree wanton endangerment. She was taken to Mason County Detention Center.

Horch said the female toddler and three other children not involved in the incident have been placed with Social Services.

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LEWIS COUNTY

Woman guides people in need

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VANCEBURG | Despite opening its doors more than a year ago, most people in Lewis County are unaware there is a center to guide them in finding the support and services they may need.

Community Access to Resources, Education and Support has been a one-woman operation, but Anita Gilbert is always looking for volunteers to help, the CARES director said.

Whether people are suffering from a serious illness or tragedy, Gilbert said she will find whatever services or items they need.

With the support of the American Cancer Society, CARES opened in January 2011, but no one knows about it, Gilbert said.

“CARES is a guide for finding the right resource. Call me and I will direct you or arrange to find what you need... we take it for granted everyone knows where to go for help. We are always trying to find the best fit for each person's needs,” Gilbert said.

Her center began as a resource center for cancer patients.

The CARES center has various literature for patients and their caregivers, she said. This is information they will probably not find at their doctor's offices. A computer is available in a quiet setting for additional research, if needed, said Gilbert, who has been finding ways to help people most of her adult life.

“We are also here to fill the gaps; I am the gap-filler for those in need. For example, one lady came to us before her cancer treatments to find a wig to match her hair. And we have several, but not the right color. But I was able to contract the American Cancer Society in Ashland, and they sent just the right wig,” she said.

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TERRY PRATHER, THE LEDGER INDEPENDENT
IN TRAINING | Amanda Wallingford gets in some “seat time” Thursday in a school bus. Wallingford hopes to become a regular bus driver for the Mason County School System.

Supreme Court reiterates redistricting decision

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FRANKFORT | A legislative redistricting plan for Kentucky is unconstitutional because it doesn't adequately address population shifts of the past decade, the Kentucky Supreme Court reiterated in a ruling Thursday.

Justices also echoed a February decision that legislative candidates will have to run this year in districts that have been in place for the past 10 years.

The 27-page ruling explains the legal rationale behind the previous ruling in which justices had originally declared the redistricting law unconstitutional.

Lexington attorney Scott White, representing Democratic state Sen. Kathy Stein who was shifted entirely out of her district, said Thursday the legal battle could have been avoided if lawmakers had done the right thing to begin with.

“The legislature's choice to stick their heads in the sand on settled Kentucky law ended up causing the districts to be out of whack for at least another year,” White said. “We certainly hope the legislature will quit messing around and do what's right in the next legislative session.”

The Supreme Court held that the populations of all of the state House and Senate districts shouldn't deviate more than 5 percent, and that the plan should divide as few counties as possible.

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