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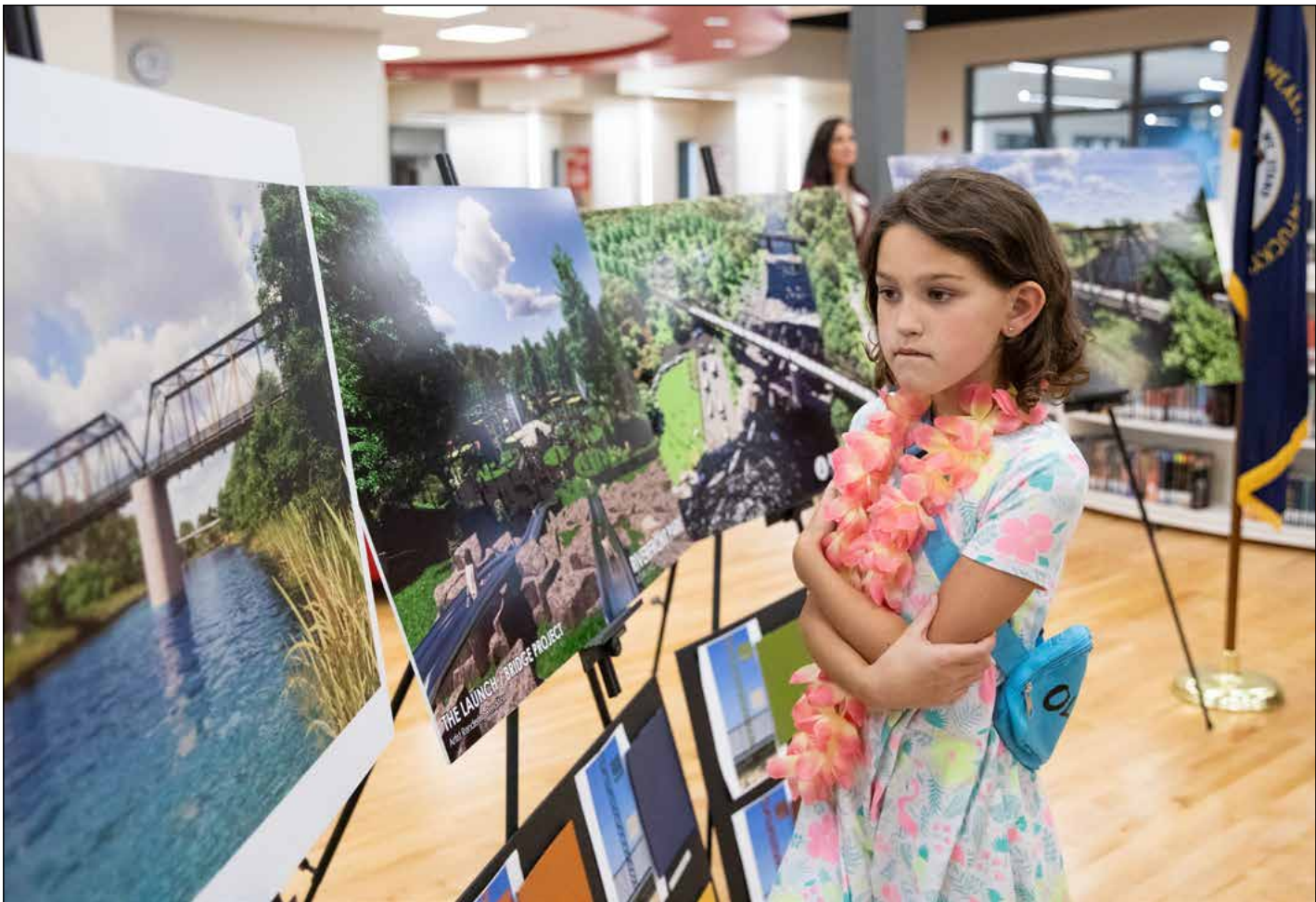
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Rich Pond Elementary fourth-grader Olivia Zimmerman checks out the City of Bowling Green's artistic renderings of the future Riverfront Park as a class of third- and fourth-grade students are tasked with drawing their dreams and ideas for the park on Monday.



Rich Pond Elementary third-graders Cece Rios and Mia Brooks talk during the event.



Artist Jim Weinberg shows a class the parameters of his art project as well as renderings of the highly anticipated park.



RIGHT: Neighborhood and Community Services Director Brent Childers speaks to the students. Childers and artist Jim Weinberg are visiting elementary schools to collect the WCPS elementary school students' drawings along with creative writing pieces regarding the development of the project by a group of 10th- and 11th-graders from each school. Their work will then be combined into a book.

BEECH BEND
PARK ROAD

County approves widening

Two lanes will get upgrade at cost of \$1.2 million

By JACK DOBBS
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Warren County Fiscal Court on Tuesday approved an over \$1.2 million bid from Scotty's Contracting & Stone for a widening project set to take place on Beech Bend Park Road, a stretch of blacktop Warren County Judge-Executive Doug Gorman said is "in really bad condition."

"We did a three-lane extension of Beech Bend Road probably about four or five years ago," Gorman told the Daily News. "We're now going to extend that up Beech Bend Park Road."

Beech Bend Park Road is currently a two-lane paved road, splitting off of Beech Bend Road and meandering about 0.75 of a mile before it hits the front gate of Beech Bend Park. The road consists of one lane in each direction with a tree-lined median.

The road will be widened to three lanes. Gorman said aside from easing entry and exit from the park, the widening will see the removal of the trees from the median.

"Everyone likes the trees, but their roots had grown all into the road," Gorman said. "The asphalt is in horrible condition, and it's a safety issue as well."

Magistrates also approved \$82,996.43 to go to Bowling Green Municipal Utilities for the relocation of electrical utilities along the road.

Josh Moore, director of Warren County Public Works, said having the option of "two lanes in (or) two lanes out" will aid the county and Beech Bend during the large events that take place at the park throughout the year.

"I do believe we'll see some additional events happening that have not been happening there yet because we do not have better access," Moore said in the meeting.

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City Neighborhood Improvement Program moves to Delafield

Area homes eligible for upgrades

By JACK DOBBS
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The City of Bowling Green's Neighborhood Improvement Program is continuing after Bowling Green city commissioners on Tuesday night approved a \$400,000 contract with Live The Dream Development Inc. to oversee upgrades to exterior features on homes in the Delafield area of Bowling Green.

Neighborhood improvement projects are done according to the city's census tracts and census block groups, and have been active since 2017. The current block group, 102.4, stretches from Ky. 185 to Hobson Grove Park, bounded by Barren River and Old Barren River Road.

Brent Childers, director of Neighborhood and Community Services, told commissioners the program is dedicated to enhancing the curb appeal of properties.

"Some of these have been new roofs, some of these have been new windows, new siding, removing fences," Childers said.

Around \$8,500 is allotted to each property under the agreement. According to a city memo, the program covers up to \$7,500 of exterior improvement costs for homeowners. A 20% contribution is required for landlords. For businesses, a 50% contribution is required.

Those interested in having work done through the Exterior

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Property Program must apply for services. Childers told the Daily News applicants must provide contact information along with the projects they would like to have completed on their property. Applications are avail-

able in-person at the Housing Authority of Bowling Green. Childers told commissioners work is expected to begin within the next 30 to 45 days.

Commissioners also approved

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