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Mirror photo by Colette Costlow
Kairo Stewart, 6, arrives at school Thursday morning while his sister, Nevaeh Stewart, 11, follows from a Phoenix Volunteer Fire Department fire truck.

ARRIVING IN STYLE

C.W. Longer students win rides to elementary school by local first responders

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HOLLIDAYSBURG — A quartet of kids arrived at school in style Thursday morning, rolling up to Charles W. Longer Elementary in a Phoenix Volunteer Fire Department fire truck and a Hollidaysburg Police Department car. “It was fun, and it was a little bit bumpy,” said 6-year-old Kairo Stewart. Kairo and his sister, Nevaeh, 11, rode

together in a Phoenix fire truck; Louis Mathias, 6, and friend Theo Onichi, 6, rode in the back of a Hollidaysburg police car. Every child said they wanted to ride in a first responder’s vehicle again. “Because it was fun,” Louis said. At a Parent-Teacher Organization tailgate party on Sept. 4, Kairo and Louis both won the raffle prize, a ride to school in a fire truck and a police car, C.W. Longer PTO secretary Bailie Stewart said. The PTO permitted each winner to bring one guest, so Kairo brought his older sister, while Louis brought his friend. “It’s our different way to do some sort of fun raffle that wasn’t a prize,” she said.

“It was something fun to experience.” As an alternative to a tangible prize, she said they’ll include student-based experiences at next year’s raffle, based on positive reactions from students and staff. “Not only does it give students a very unique way to come to school, but it highlights that sense of community that’s so prominent in Hollidaysburg and here at Longer,” Principal Brian Keagy said. As October is fire prevention month, he said the students who rode in the fire engine can also see the firefighter’s equipment up close while learning about fire safety in school.

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Grant to fund cameras at Central Court

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HOLLIDAYSBURG — Blair County commissioners approved Thursday morning a grant-funded surveillance project, which will add nine cameras to the Central Court building. Court administrator Sam Dunkle told commissioners that a nearly \$19,000 grant awarded to the county from the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts would cover the cost of the camera installations in

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Amy Webster, Blair County commissioner

areas used for holding inmates awaiting court proceedings at the district magistrate’s office at 615 Fourth St. There are no cameras in the holding area where corrections

officer Rhonda Russell was shot on Nov. 17, 2021, before being pronounced dead at UPMC Altoona. “This will give us complete coverage of the cells, the hallways, the security officer,”

Dunkle said. “This will enhance the safety and security of Central Court.” Commissioners Amy Webster and Laura Burke were happy with the project’s progression, with Burke saying, “It is nice to see this finally happen.” “We’re really happy that the AOPC is funding this because that really helps us out,” Webster said. “And obviously we had some security issues.”

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Shapiro, Garrity face off in gubernatorial debate

Candidates address wide range of topics affecting Pennsylvania

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Gov. Josh Shapiro and State Treasurer Stacy Garrity faced off in the lone gubernatorial debate

on Wednesday evening. The two candidates covered a wide range of topics, often finding themselves at odds, during the nearly hourlong event hosted by Nexstar Media Inc. and moderated by ABC27’s Dennis Owens and WPXI’s Lisa Sylvester. Shapiro, who was elected to the office in 2022, touted a variety of investments his administration

has made in the past few years and painted the picture of progress in Pennsylvania.



Garrity



Shapiro

“I’m the only governor in the country over the last four years with a divided legislature: a Senate led by Republicans, House led by Democrats,” Shapiro said. “Yet I have found ways to bring them together to cut costs.” “We cut taxes 10 different times for small businesses, for seniors. We delivered the largest targeted tax cut for seniors in more than

20 years, for families trying to afford childcare, for startups, and of course for working Pennsylvanians,” he continued. “A million working Pennsylvanians are receiving up to 800 bucks back as a result of their hard work, we’re just trying to help them make ends meet.”

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