Frankfort native using her disability to help others

By Chanda Veno

Frankfort native Sydney Clark can't imagine growing up anywhere else.

"It was a great childhood for sure," she said. "Most of my immediate family lived here or close by, so I was really close with the majority of my family." Clark, who was born with a genetic condition that eventually led to the loss of her vision, was reading Braille as a 5-year-old at Second Street School and was nearly completely blind by her teenage years at Franklin High.

But she was determined not to let her disability squash her dream of attending the University of Kentucky. After graduating from FHS in 2014, she enrolled as a freshman at UK.

"When I came to college, I didn't always have a worksheet or something in front of me to read," Clark said of the transition from high school to college. "That was a hard adjustment for me."

One of the barriers she faced was that many of her professors didn't know about resources for blind students.

"We live in an ableist society — it's just not designed for people like us," Clark, a public health student, said. "We need more inclusive policies and resources for students with disabilities." Clark has been actively involved in advocating for students with disabilities at UK.

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Franklin County senior Brooklynn Miles was named the 2021 Kentucky Miss Basketball.

Miles was presented the award Sunday by a Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation representative at her home, where a watch party was taking place.

"I guess my heart dropped to my toes," Miles told The State Journal shortly after the ceremony, about the moment she realized she was Miss Basketball.

"That's what it felt like. Their screaming made me really happy." Miles is the first player from Franklin County High School to win the award. She finished her career as the program's leading scorer and has signed with Tennessee.

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City manager hiring process continues

By Austin Horn

Coming out of its final round interviews of city manager candidates, the Franklin City Commission did not name a selection for the city's top administrative post.

But it did narrow the field from three to two.

After several hours of interviews and deliberation over the course of Thursday and Friday, the commission came out of closed session with Commissioner Kenneth Waldridge making a motion to further review candidates' references and to declare a top two. The candidates have not been publicly identified.

"I announce that we will continue to run the evidence into references," Waldridge said. "Hopefully we will come to an agreement on those."