

Notes from the April Livermore Woman's Club meeting

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The GFWC Livermore Woman's Club met April 8, 2025, with nine members present. President Dianna Hoover called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Connie Baldwin gave the devotion, "Let Your Little Light Shine" followed by prayer.

Club member Cathy Burden presented our program on collecting items of interest. She collects aprons, tablecloths and tea towels, and she showed many of these items. She gave a history of calendar tea towels. Linen towels

were first introduced in the 1950s and remained popular through the 1970s. Stevens Linen of Dudley, Massachusetts created the first linen calendar towels in 1954. The idea came from an employee who noticed a decline in the company's plain linen dish towels and suggested printing a calendar on them. They are still being made today but pricier. The 2025 linen calendar cost \$22.10. Collecting items such as these brings back many memories.

Connie Baldwin gave a report on the Youth Art Month Project held on March 28th at the

McLean County Public Library. Members Connie Baldwin and Marylyne Miller served as judges along with community member Dianne Thacker. The judges reported they had a hard time selecting a first, second and third place winner for each age group for each type of art. There were 102 participants and 58 visitors throughout the week. Refreshments were provided by Linda Edds, Barbara Trimble and Cyrilla Green. Marylynn Miller provided napkins and Dianna Hoover provided the award ribbons

and participation certificates.

President Dianna Hoover shared a prototype of our newest Livermore History ornament, the Veterans Memorial. This ornament honors the National Guard members who were stationed at the National Guard Armory in Livermore.

The club members started planning for the Midwest District Conference which will be held in Livermore on October 4. Members are checking on prices for meals and a location.

In honor of April being National Child Abuse Prevention Month, the club

members voted to send a donation to the Livermore Elementary School Family Resource Center.

The Livermore Woman's Club will be a sponsor for the McLean County Public Library's Dragon Reads program. The library was asking for each sponsor to contribute \$150. The Livermore Woman's Club members donated \$300 in support of this reading program.

The members discussed sponsoring a Mental Health First Aid Training for the county. A decision on the topic was tabled for the time being. The training would be open to all

interested persons.

The final item of the evening was the planning of the 2025-2026 club year. Members signed up for community service programs and to host monthly meetings. No new club officers will need to be elected since they will complete the second year of their two-year terms.

The May 13 meeting will be held at 6 p.m. at St. Charles Catholic Church. The program will be on mental health. This will be the last meeting until after the summer. The club will resume its meeting schedule in September.

CAMS

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started with dash cams and over time has adopted body cams that are also integrated into the dash cams.

Trooper Corey King, public affairs officer for KSP's Henderson post, said troopers wear their cameras on their belts instead of the upper chest area so not to take away from the uniform.

King said he started out in 2000 with a vehicle camera that recorded on a VHS tape in the back of his car. Now, all of the digital footage is uploaded to a storage cloud that can be viewed by KSP supervisors.

"All troopers from supervisors down have body-worn cameras and vehicles should have them as well," King said.

Early in his career, King said his dash cam recorded a DUI arrest he made, with the driver claiming King had assaulted his girlfriend who the video showed falling down a levee when she stepped out of the car.

"I had to get her and pick her up — she was obviously battered and bruised; (the boyfriend) told her that I beat her up," King said. "She actually came to court thinking that until we showed her the tape. ... (Cameras) are a great way to exonerate you. Let's face it, there are people who make claims that are false. But it's a great way to make law enforcement accountable, too."

OPD has used body cameras for years and they also employ dash cameras.

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"We have supervisors on each shift review two



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The control panel for the Motorola M500 police in-car video system used in Trooper Corey King's State Trooper Cruiser.

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Daviess County Sheriff Deputy Chris Lee demonstrates his WRAP Intinsic body-worn camera on Thursday at the Daviess County Sheriff's Department.

even the use of profanity can be subject to disciplinary action.

"...You may know you're being recorded but sometimes the situation may get the best of you," Ealum said. "And I recognize the heat of the moment."

Daviess County Sheriff Deputy Chris Lee puts on his WRAP Intinsic body-worn camera on Thursday at the Daviess County Sheriff's Department.

Youngman said he doesn't do any body cam audits of his deputies unless a complaint is filed against a specific deputy.

And King said KSP supervisors have access to review body cam footage at anytime.

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