your place in the county's rich

agricultural history. We will also

help you digitally preserve your

records in the Memory Lab.

(Story Center at Grayson's Tav-

CAREGIVER CAFÉ

Friday, April 18, 10:30 a.m.

and under are invited to come

together for social support and

chat in a low-key, no-stress at-

mosphere. There will be coffee.

hot tea, and snacks offered for

caregivers, as well as snacks,

toys, and age-appropriate ac-

tivities for children ages 5 and

under. Caregivers of all ages are

welcome and are encouraged to

bring their little ones with them.

Note: Child care is not provided.

(Community Room; caregivers

ASD FRIENDS AND ALLIES

SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 6-7:30

P.M.

adults with autism spectrum

disorder on the first Thurs-

day of each month. The goal of

this group is to have fun, grow

friendships, and develop new

social connections in a safe and

comfortable environment. Each

month we will have a new theme

or activity; this month we'll have

an after-hours Nerf battle amid

the library stacks. This event was

rescheduled from April 4. (Level

resources and all upcoming

events can be found online at

BoylePubLib.org. The main li-

brary is open Monday, Wednes-

day, and Friday, 9:30 a.m.-5:30

p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday,

9:30 a.m.-8 p.m.; and Saturday

from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The Story

Center at Grayson's Tavern is

open Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4

p.m.; and by appointment on

Mondays. Chat with library

staff using the live chat service

on the library's website or by

texting 859-545-8398.

Information about library

five; ages 18+)

BCPL hosts a social group for

and their young children)

Caregivers of children ages 5

ern; ages 18+)

Library to host activities for all ages

SPECIAL TO THE ADVOCATE-MESSENGER

ANVILLE, Ky., April 12, 2024 - The Boyle County Public Library offers free activities, special events, online resources, and numerous services for the community. Programs often include storytimes, crafting programs, art exhibits, and gaming events. Here is a closer look at some events at the library in the coming week:

FEATURED PROGRAMS FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 6 P.M.

Take in a movie at the library with your family! In this month's feature, an orphaned lion cub, lost and alone, meets a sympathetic lion who is the heir to a royal bloodline. Their chance meeting sets in motion an expansive journey of an extraordinary group of misfits searching for their destinies (2024, Rated PG, 120 minutes). The movie title is listed on the library's website. (Community Room, level one; all ages)

CHAIR YOGA WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, NOON THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 6 P.M.

Francine Southerland of Wilderness Yoga Shala returns to the library to lead a meditative chair yoga experience. This class is designed for busy minds, tired bodies, and anyone who wants to feel more at ease in their daily life. Whether you're dealing with stiffness, stress, or simply need a moment to reconnect with yourself, you'll find space to move, breathe, and reset. Chair yoga is a gentle form of yoga that uses a chair for support, making poses more accessible while improving flexibility, strength, and relaxation. It's perfect for anyone seeking a mindful movement practice without getting on the floor. Expect guided breathwork, mindful movement, and modified yoga poses to release tension and build

FISCAL, from 1

Officials agreed to review language in the RFP to see if alternate county-owned land could be considered, depending on site viability.

MUTUAL AID, EMS RECORD VOLUME

Boyle EMS responded to a mutual aid call in flood-threatened Frankfort last weekend. A regional strike team was on standby to assist with downtown cost \$88. evacuation alongside Fairfax, Virginia's urban rescue team. Fortunately, the flood wall held. EMS Director Mike Rogers reported 695 calls in March—a record-setting month. Concerns arose that Boyle is carrying a heavier mutual aid burden with Mercer County. Talks are planned to rebalance the agreement.

strength - all while staying supported. No experience is needed, just an open heart and a willingness to receive. Advance registration is required; visit the library's website to register. (Community Room; ages 18+)

KIDS POKÉMON QUEST WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 3:30-5 P.M.

Calling all young trainers: Experience your own personal Pokémon journey at the library! Choose your starter Pokémon, then earn gym badges by overcoming a variety of obstacles. Create vour own Poké Ball Launcher, attend Smeargle's Art Academy, and complete our challenging Pokédex Scavenger Hunt. With your loyal Pokémon by your side, you can become the next Pokémon Master! (Youth Department, level three; ages 6-10)

OLD TIME FOLK MUSIC JAM

Thursday, April 17, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

It's a casual gathering of acoustic musicians for a music jam with a focus on old time and folk music. Come play your part or listen in! (Story Center at Grayson's Tavern, 105 E. Walnut St., Danville; all ages)

BCPL AFTER DARK: MINIATURE LIBRARIES

FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 6:30-8 P.M.

Calling all book lovers: Come and create your own pocket-sized library! Enjoy an adorable and whimsical crafting experience by making a miniature library that you can take anywhere. All supplies will be provided at no cost, but supplies are provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

RECURRING EVENTS BABY STORYTIME

Mondays, 10 a.m. Join us at the library for a spe-

plans to contract a geotechnical engineer. Floodwaters redirected the creek's flow and damaged the road, sparking debate over whether to reroute the road or restore the watercourse

The court approved networking upgrades across multiple buildings, including \$6,794.96 for the solid waste facility, \$5,540.39 for a secondary building, and \$1,485 for T-Mobile equipment. Monthly service will

cial storytime for babies and their caregivers designed to strengthen bonds and give encouragement for playing, reading, and growing. Each week Mrs. Rachael will read themed stories and have a sensory activity for babies and their caregivers to enjoy. The books and theme will change each week. (Community Room; ages birth-18 months)

ALL-ABILITIES CRAFTING HOUR Monday, April 14, Noon

Enjoy community and crafting with us on the first Monday of each month at this crafting hour for all levels of ability. This month we'll be decorating masks and making jester hats at our Mardi Gras celebration. This event will be held in the Community Room. This event was rescheduled from April 7. (Community Room; ages 18+)

STORYTIME

TUESDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS, 11

A.M.

Join us at the library for storytime, where we sing, play, and read! An activity will be offered after each storytime for toddlers and preschoolers with their caregivers to enjoy. The books and themes will change each week. (Youth Department, level three; ages 2-5)

YA CREATIVE CLUB: CRAFTERNOON TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 3:30-5 P.M.

Get crafty at "Crafternoon," and get inspired as you explore the library's collection of artistic materials and crafting supplies. Let your imagination guide you to create something new and exciting to take home at the end of the day. Each YA Creative Club sessions is suitable for artists and crafters of all skill levels, and new members are always welcome. (Tech Area Lounge, level five; ages 11-17, grades 6-12)

MEMORIES WORTH REMEMBERING

also emphasized the importance of holding community organizations to grant submission deadlines, including the Brass Band Festival.

AGRICULTURE AND WILDLIFE CONCERNS

Magistrates discussed the spread of invasive black vultures, which pose a serious threat to livestock. Ellis noted they are not native to the U.S. and called for policy changes to allow their controlled removal.

TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 5:30-8 P.M.

Local author Paul Stansbury leads a four-part workshop on recording and authoring a collection of your life experiences that can later be shared in a published work. (Conference Room, level one; ages 18+)

THIRD THURSDAY BOOK CLUB April 17, 10:30 a.m.

Join us for a discussion of "The Paris Wife" by Paula McLain. Copies of the book are available at the Circulation Desk. Copies of the April book, "The Next Time You See Me" by Holly Goddard Jones, will be distributed. (Conference Room; ages 18+)

YA GAMING GUILD: PLAYERS' Ріск THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 3:30-5

Join us each week for YA Gaming Guild, where tweens and teens can relax, play games, eat snacks, and hang out with other gamers. We offer all kinds of games for you to enjoy, including video games, board games, card games, puzzles, and more. Please feel free to bring your own gaming consoles, laptops, and games to play with your friends as well. New and returning gamers are always welcome! In this session you and your fellow gamers will get to pick what you play from the library's collection of games, puzzles, and video games for the Nintendo Switch. (Community Room; ages 11-17, grades 6-12)

FARM HISTORY FRIDAYS April 18 & 25, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Do you own a farm in Boyle County? Were any of your relatives raised on a local farm? We want to hear from you! Bring your stories and records (photographs, documents, scrapbooks. etc.) to the Story Center to tell us about your experiences and

in partnership with Junction City Matters.

Community Easter Egg Hunt: April 11 at 6 p.m., featuring food, games, a train ride, and more.

■ Junction City Fire Department Block Party: April 26 at 5 p.m.

"This is about building pride and keeping our small-town history alive," one organizer said.

ETHICS, BUDGET, AND

20-foot lake rise in two days required partial release.

"People need to understand the dam was protecting us," one magistrate noted. "It's holding back much more water than it's releasing."

OTHER ITEMS

The court voted to reimburse Mercer County \$17,309, its share in the closure of a restricted jail account.

Officials met with T-Mobile representatives about future broadband initiatives and potential grant partnerships. A new steel bench project is underway with more surplus materials than expected. Plans continue for America's 250th Anniversary celebration in

INFRASTRUCTURE: ROOF BIDS, ROAD DAMAGE, BROADBAND

The court approved preparing an RFP to replace the county building's leaky roof, citing conprevious repairs.

Additionally, severe erosion on Wolpert Road prompted

EMS will test dual-SIM iPads to ensure connectivity during disasters. Outdated iPads will be repurposed as digital time clocks across departments.

PRESERVATION AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

The court approved hiring consultant Jacob Panky to manage state and federal tax credit applications for the courthouse restoration project. If successful, credits could be sold for cashoffsetting project costs by up to \$200,000.

The courthouse bell will be tinued water damage despite removed as part of the preservation effort.

The CAK legislative briefing will be held April 16. Officials Aug. 24. The event is expanding

"I've already contacted over 30 officials, including the Commissioner of Agriculture," Ellis said. "This is a serious issue for our producers."

JUNCTION CITY EVENTS AND **COMMUNITY SPIRIT**

Magistrates highlighted the success of Junction City's recent "History Harvest," where residents brought decades-old photos, ledgers, and memorabilia for digitization. Local legends like Mary Walker and Keith Richardson contributed rare artifacts.

Upcoming Junction City events include:

Hot Air Balloon Festival:

Appropriations

Concerns were raised about delays in appropriation requests from local groups. Officials reaffirmed that formal written requests are required to be considered.

The court debated a \$10,000 request from Danville to help cover repairs to the city-owned pool, but deferred action. Several magistrates argued the county already contributes funds for recreation and should not pay for facilities it doesn't own.

LAKE FLOODGATE CLARIFICATION

Following public confusion over Dick's Dam floodgate openings, officials clarified that the dam operated as designed. A

Adjournment in Memory

June 2026.

The meeting adjourned in memory of Steele Gregory, a lifelong community advocate and insurance agent known for his dignity, family devotion, and strength despite living with a disability.

Next Steps: The court will revisit the city pool request and continue infrastructure and public safety facility planning over the next two weeks.

CULTURE, from 1

BASKETRY, CERAMICS AND KNITTING

Toby Durman won first in cane basketry, with Nancy Lindsay and Milburn placing in novelty. Florann Strevels won first in molded ceramics. In knitting, Charlotte Hammond placed second in accessories, and Donna Freeman earned second in home décor and afghans.

PAINTING AND DRAWING

Ramona Milburn swept several drawing categories, including pen and ink, black pencil/charcoal, and colored pencil. In painting, Julie Ross took first in acrylic, with Milburn in second. Strevels won in watercolor, again followed by Milburn. Milburn also took first in decorative wood painting.

JEWELRY AND PHOTOGRAPHY

Florann Strevels won beaded jewelry, while Milburn and Strevels earned top spots in original design. In photography, Tammy Perry earned first in both black-and-white and color, with Teresa Goggin and Strevels placing second and third in color photography

QUILTING AND TEXTILE ARTS

Julie Ross earned first for baby/lap quilts. Nancy Lindsay placed first in machine-pieced, hand-quilted work, while Strevels won in the miscellaneous quilt category.

Holiday and Decorative Items

Holiday décor winners included Strevels, Milburn, Sharp, Carter, and Hammond across all seasons. Ramona Milburn also placed first in card making, origami, diamond art mosaic, and loom weaving. She, along with Ross and Hammond, also took top spots in wall and door hangings.

OTHER CRAFT CATEGORIES

In miscellaneous crafts, Martha Thornton earned first and Milburn second. Geraldine Dietrich won in plastic needlepoint. In rug making, Milburn and Hammond placed first and second in hooked rugs.

The Cultural Arts Exhibit serves as an annual opportunity for community members to display their skills and creativity across a wide spectrum of mediums. With dozens of awardees, the 2025 event continued to reflect the vibrant and diverse talents of Boyle County artists

