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Harrison County Fiscal Court meets

BY DEVON WILLIAMS
NEWS REPORTER

On Tuesday, May 27, the Harrison County Fiscal Court met for their final meeting of the month. After the call to order, roll call and approval of minutes from the previous meeting, Judge Jason Marshall moved straight into new

business.

Mark Burden, Director of the Bluegrass Narcotics Task Force, presented to the court a slide-show on the progress made in the last nine years since the task force began work in Harrison County. 95% or more of their cases are related to drug trafficking. Twice a year, they use K-9 searches of

the high school. They've also done a lot of infiltration in the drug scene rounding up the drugs themselves and traffickers.

In 2016, Harrison County was ranked in the top 10 counties per capita for number of overdoses, "not a ranking you want to be in," stated Burden. 23 overdose, drug-related deaths were recorded in

2016. In 2024, that dropped to 1. And in 2016 there were 288 reported drug-related crimes which has dropped drastically due to the work of the task force.

Burden discussed the dangers of the drugs that have been known to circulate in the area, especially fentanyl, and how little of the drugs are needed to become a lethal dose.

He also noted several arrests made and that the drugs sold by them would be enough to kill every citizen of both Harrison and Bourbon counties combined.

The task force has also helped the county to save money through its work.

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Betsy Smith

Harrison County Schools retirees were honored at a banquet at Cynthiana Christian Church on Wednesday, May 28. From left: Candida Lewis, Amanda Clemons, Julie Lucky, Charmaine Heinrichs, Patricia Cummins, Terri Durbin and Jeff Kinney. Retiring but not pictured: Ben Mansur, Chris Anderson and Glen Brinker.

Harrison County Schools say 'farewell' to retirees

BY BETSY SMITH
EDITOR

On May 28, Harrison County Schools held a banquet at Cynthiana Christian Church honoring this year's retirees. Even though school was already out for the year many students participated. FFA members created the table centerpieces; Cameron Kinney played the piano as participants mingled before dinner; the JROTC color guard presented the colors, Jamie Fugate sang the National Anthem and the high school choir performed "For Good" and "May the Road Rise Up to Meet You."

After a delicious meal catered by Biancke's, each of the retirees enjoyed a moment in the spotlight, or in this case, a rocking chair placed near the podium. One by one they sat in the chair as speakers recounted stories from their tenure at Harrison County.

Superintendent Harry Burchett spoke about Candida Lewis, who is leaving her post as HR manager to soar as a flight attendant with Delta. Burchett said Delta recruited her, and Lewis, who apparently once led staff in a wild



Betsy Smith

Retiree Jeff Kinney listens as Principal Taylor Hill speaks of his years as a social studies teacher at Eastside.

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Summer Concert Series is back!

BY DEVON WILLIAMS
NEWS REPORTER

That's right, the popular Summer Concert Series will again take downtown Cynthiana by storm starting next Friday, June 13, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Pre-show activities will begin an hour earlier at 6 p.m. where WCYN will be playing music and entertaining the crowd.



The main event, however, will be a special live performance by the great Layla Spring. Spring comes from a small town in Kentucky and has made great strides in her musical career, even twice competing on the hit television series "American Idol" where she became a finalist.

After being sent home in her initial run on the show, America voted her back on in 2020, giving her the opportunity to play more music with musical legends like Luke Bryan, Lionel Ritchie and Katy Perry.

James Smith, Executive Director of the Cynthiana-

Harrison County Chamber of Commerce, informed that the event is "a collaborative event being put on by a number of organizations: Cyn-Harrison County Chamber of Commerce, Cynthiana Tourism, WCYN and the Maiden Markets."

Each of these organizations will be providing a piece of the total showcase to the event.

"The Chamber, along with great sponsors, is providing the bands, the sound, the stage, and the atmosphere," noted Smith. "Tourism is coordinating all the food trucks, drink trailers, and vendors to make the event a true success.

WCYN is serving as the on-air promotion and LIVE DJ to kick off the event. Plus they are MCing the event on the night of the concert. The Maiden Markets are coordinating craft vendors who will be in attendance. There will be a Kid Zone brought to us by the Chamber and Tourism."

There will also be 8 Groupie Level sponsors recognized at the event.

As always, the Summer Concert Series is free to the public and anyone interested is encouraged to come out and enjoy a summer evening of great live music.



Submitted by Mary Grable

Parishioners, Dr. Mike Brooks and Jim Furnish exchange stories while cranking ice cream May 31, also known as "Freezing Day."

St. Edward Parish celebrates 75th Ice Cream Social

BY MARY GRABLE

This Sunday, June 8, the St. Edward Catholic Parish will hold its 75th Ice Cream Social. In 1950 the tradition began with parishioners and community members coming together to eat homemade cakes and hand cranked ice cream.

It was a time when various county and city churches had social events throughout the summer. Local folks looked forward to these social events and the chance to catch up with people they might not have seen for a spell.

Over the years what started out as a social gathering

became a source of fundraising for St. Edward Catholic School. Cake and ice cream remained, however, a major raffle was added, as were games for kids and adults, music and a silent auction. In recent years, a delicious lunch meal has become a staple of the event.

Each year parishioners and school parents come together a week before the second Sunday of June for "Freezing Day." Wooden hand cranked buckets are taken down from the attic around the first of May in order to re-hydrate the wood to hold water. Various Ice Cream Flavor Committees

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Breds and Fillies take Regions

BY DEVON WILLIAMS
NEWS REPORTER

On Thursday, May 29, the Harrison County Breds baseball team and Fillies softball team both competed in their respective 10th Region championship games.

The Fillies faced off against a solid Campbell County

team. Harrison County won in a decisive 8-0 victory.

The Breds played an extremely close championship against Montgomery County. Harrison County ended up winning 5-4.

Full stories can be read on the Sports page.

COMING UP THIS WEEKEND

THE GREAT MUSEUM TREASURE HUNT

This is the opening weekend for the 11th annual Great Museum Treasure Hunt. Students in grades K-12 are invited to come in to the Cynthiana-Harrison County Museum on Friday, June 6 or Saturday, June 7 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to search for the first artifact. The hunt lasts eight weekends.

It's free to participate, and each week every participant

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