

Valentines Day, Maple Day and more Fiscal

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Planning something special for Valentines Day? Take a look at our listings for Friday, Dec. 14. There may be even more in next week's Weekender.

Have a great weekend, Mercer County!

Thursday, Feb. 13

• **Movie: "Pride and Prejudice" at Mercer County Public Library** (109 West Lexington Street). Enjoy popcorn and a movie featuring the original enemies-to-lovers and the most romantic hand flex in cinematic history. Snacks provided. Free program for teenagers starts 3:30 p.m. 859-734-3680 or mcplib.info.

• **Trivia and Queen of Hearts Drawing at Casa Grande** (145 Collin Drive). Teams of four compete for a \$25 gift card. Competition starts 6:30 p.m., with Queen of Hearts Raffle—sponsored by Harrodsburg Rotary Club—at 7 p.m. 859-613-5669 or casa-grandeky.com or Facebook @ casaGky.

• **Live music by Jimmy Ritchey at Lemons Mill Brewery** (166 Marimon Avenue). Food by T. Wayne and Smokey. Starts 7 p.m. (doors open 4 p.m.) 859-734-7791 or Facebook @Lemons Mill.

• **Winter Darts League at the Vault—Harrodsburg** (235 South Main Street). Starts 7 p.m. 859-605-2118 or Facebook @the Vault.

Friday, Feb. 14

Valentine's Day

• **Black Friday at Poppy's Florals** (124 South Main Street). Fresh arrangements, cookie cakes by Mackenzie Ezell with For the Love of Butter, candy bouquets and more. 502-343-7656 or Poppy'sFlorals@gmail.com or poppysflorals.com.

• **Storytime for Toddlers at Mercer County Public Library** (109 West Lexington Street). Starts 9:30 a.m. 859-734-3680 or mcplib.info.

• **Storytime for Pre-Schoolers Story Time at Mercer County Public Library** (109 West Lexington Street). Starts 11 a.m. 859-734-3680 or mcplib.info.

• **Valentine's Day Cupcake Decorating at Epic Play Center** (120 South Main Street). Quality playtime and cupcake decorating. 11 a.m. to noon. 859-324-9289 or Facebook @EPIC Play Center.

• **Community Sneak Peek Of Patio Homes at the Willows at Harrodsburg** (180 Lucky Man Way). Light refreshments. 2 to 4 p.m. RSVP Nicole Waterhouse at 859-310-2184 or willowsatharrodsburg.com.

• **Naughty at Night at Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill** (3501 Lexington Road). An evening of forbidden foods—including a Shaker Village signature cocktail—followed by a special stroll through historic buildings and hear stories about the naughtier side of Pleasant Hill. Bring your sweetheart on this memorable Valentine's Day experience. Cost: \$25 for annual passholder, \$30 for everyone else. 6 p.m. still available at press time. 859-734-5411 or shakervillageky.org.

• **Trivia at the Vault—Harrodsburg** (235 South Main Street). Starts 7 p.m. 859-605-2118 or Facebook @ the Vault.

WEEKENDER FOR FEB. 13—21

• **Live Theater: Cupid's Jukebox by Center Stage Theatrics at the Lodge at Logan Vineyards** (254 Hopewell Road). An evening of musical selections celebrating all stages of love from Broadway and off Broadway shows. Starts 7 p.m. center-stagetheatrics.ticketspice.com/cupids-jukebox or 502-783-6604 or thelodgeatloganvineyards@gmail.com or Logan-Vineyards.com or Facebook @ LoganVineyards.

Saturday, Feb. 15

• **Galentines Floral Workshop at the Farmstead at Shawnee Springs** (indoors at the Renfro House, 765 Curry Pike). Must RSVP for event, which runs from 10 a.m. to noon. 859-287-4323 or Info@farmsteadky.com or farmsteadky.com or Facebook @ renfrohouseandfarmstead.

• **Treat Yourself Box at the Mercer County Public Library** (109 West Lexington Street) Make a Valentine's treat for someone sweet. We will be making different kinds of chocolate treats to go along with your own decorated treat box. Program for ages 8-12, registration required. Starts 10 a.m. 859-734-3680 or RSVP at mcplib.info.

• **Flour Farm Cookie Class at Lemons Mill Brewery** (166 Marimon Avenue). Sugar cookie class includes six cookies, four icing colors and two hours of instruction by Ashlie. From noon to 2 p.m. 859-734-7791 or Facebook @flourfarmcookies.

• **Presentation: "A Teacher's Story: The Life And Times of Ms. Clara B. Clelland" at the Mercer County Public Library** (109 West Lexington Street) Almetra Taylor of the Harrodsburg-Mercer County African American Historical Society presents this information program for Black History Month. Starts 1 p.m. 859-734-3680 or mcplib.info.

• **Chili Cook Off at Lemons Mill Brewery** (166 Marimon Avenue). Make the best chili to win cash prizes. 100 percent payout for first and second place. Judging based on taste. Please list ingredients and if chili is hot for judging. Starts 1 p.m. \$5 entry fee, after tasting, buy a bowl for \$6. 859-265-0872 or Facebook @ Lemons Mill.

• **Maple Day at Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill** (3501 Lexington Road). Educational event held in conjunction with the University of Kentucky's Department of Forestry and Natural Resources and celebrated across the Commonwealth highlighting the start of the maple syrup season. Learn more about how that wonderful syrup gets to your table on our Sap to Syrup tours at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. This year they will be highlighting their black walnut trees. Lunch specials include salad with baby spinach, maple black walnut vinaigrette, granny smith apples, smoked cheddar cheese and toasted black walnuts and a black walnut cake with maple cream frosting for dessert. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 859-734-5411 or shakervillageky.org.

• **Geologic Walk Through Time at Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill** (3501 Lexington Road). Hike through millions of years of geologic time as you descend along the river road into the Kentucky River Palisades. Our guides will show how the geology of the region has shaped what we

see above ground today. Cost: \$15 for annual passholder, \$25 for everyone else, includes complimentary admission and voucher redeemable for 20 percent off dining, excludes alcoholic beverages. Dining reservations recommended. Minors must be accompanied by paying adult. Discovery Trek tickets will not be mailed in advance. Please check in at the Welcome Center 30 minutes prior to scheduled start time. Tickets are non-refundable and non-transferable. 10 a.m. to noon. 859-734-5411 or shakervillageky.org.

• **Valentine's Cookie Decorating Workshop at Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill** (3501 Lexington Road). Enjoying a special Valentine's Day cocktail during this two-hour class led by expert cookie designer Jillian Mora, owner of A Traveling Cupcake. Learn the basics of decorating pre-baked sugar cookies. Class includes Mora's royal icing and cookie recipe. Workshop is intended for ages 21 and up. Fee includes complimentary admission and voucher redeemable for 20 percent off dining, excludes alcoholic beverages. 3 to 5 p.m. 859-734-5411 or shakervillageky.org.

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• **Live music by Perry Williams and Dale Adams at the Vault—Harrodsburg** (235 South Main Street). Starts 7 p.m. UK vs. Texas starts 8 p.m. 859-605-2118 or Facebook @the Vault.

Sunday, Feb. 16

• **Trivia at Lemons Mill Brewery** (166 Marimon Avenue). Food by Kirks Blue Smoke. Starts 5 p.m. 859-734-7791 or Facebook @Lemons Mill.

Monday, Feb. 17

President's Day

• **Working Womens Night Club at Mercer County Cooperative Extension Office** (1007 Lexington Road). Meetings open to everyone. Starts 6 p.m. 859-734-4378 or mercer.ca.uky.edu or Facebook @ Mercer-CountyExtension

Tuesday, Feb. 18

• **Weekly Teen Craft Corner at Mercer County Public Library** (109 West Lexington Street). New event for teens that meets every Tuesday. Come hang out and choose from a variety of crafts including friendship bracelets, keychain making, air dry clay, coloring pages, and scratch boards. Ages 13 to 18 years

Starts 3:30 p.m. 859-734-3680 or mcplib.info.

• **Yoga for Health and Relaxation at Mercer County Public Library** (109 West Lexington Street). Learn new techniques to help reduce stress and improve posture and balance, through intentional breathing and strength building exercises. Program is beginner friendly, bring mat if you have one, mats will be provide. Starts 6:30 p.m. 859-734-3680 or mcplib.info.

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Thursday, Feb. 20

• **Board Games for Adults at Mercer County Public Library** (109 West Lexington Street). Enjoy an evening of board and card games at the library. Bring your friends or come make new ones. Adult only event from 5 to 7 p.m. 859-734-3680 or mcplib.info.

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• **NEW TIME. Friday Family Flicks: "The Garfield Movie" at Mercer County Public Library** (109 West Lexington Street). Garfield and his friend Odie are forced to join Garfield's long-lost father on a risky heist. Starts 6 p.m. 859-734-3680 or mcplib.info.

• **Live drama: "Junie B. Jones: Toothless Wonder" at Ragged Edge Community Theatre** (111 South Main Street). Junie B. Jones is having a rough week. Everyone has been invited to Jim's party except her, and on top of everything else... she's about to lose her first tooth! Will she land an invitation?. And what does the Tooth Fairy actually do with all those teeth anyway? Directed by Allan Barlow. Starts 7 p.m. Tickets \$12. raggededgetheatre.org or 859-734-2389.

• **Karaoke at Lemons Mill Brewery** (166 Marimon Avenue). Food by Boston's Way. Starts 7 p.m. (doors open 4 p.m.) 859-734-7791 or Facebook @Lemons Mill.

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Have any events planned? Let everyone know by posting it on the Weekender. Email events to rmoore@harrdsburgherald.com.



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Firefighter Justin Bailey of the Mercer County Fire Protection District poses with the family of Thaddeus Baer. Bailey rescued two-year-old Thaddeus from a frozen pond in January. Front row: Thaddeus and Thomas Baer. Second row: Justin Bailey, David Baer and Elizabeth Baer.

incidents within one hour.

Judge-Executive Sarah Steele said county road crews had been out plowing since 5 a.m.

In other business, the Mercer County Fiscal Court:

• **Heard a Mercer County Jailer Bret "Chambo" Chamberlain progress report.** Mercer County is in the process of transferring inmates from Boyle County Detention Center to Woodford County Detention Center. On Tuesday, Chamberlain said about 25 Mercer inmates were incarcerated at Woodford. Chamberlain—who admitted math was not his strongest suit—said keeping inmates at Woodford saved Mercer about \$3,500. Chamberlain also said the Woodford County jailer had opened up ministry opportunities, which had been cut off at Boyle.

Boyle has approximately 23 inmates. Mercer has to keep at least 20 inmates at Boyle under their contract. Chamberlain said the Woodford County jailer wants more inmates. Mercer County is not guaranteed spots at Woodford.

• **Voted to Hire David Coleman as the new building inspector.** Coleman, who is currently serving as the manager of Old Fort Harrod State Park, will replace Kenny Milburn, who is retiring. Coleman was selected by an interview committee assembled to select Milburn's replacement. Coleman's starting salary as a building inspector will be \$49,000 yearly, with a scheduled \$5,000 increase once he is level-one certified. The hiring is effective Monday, March 3.

"It's hard to find certified people," said Judge-Executive Sarah Steele. If Coleman is not certified when Milburn retires, they may have to seek assistance from other counties.

The fiscal court also approved reclassifying the building inspector position, consolidating the position under the Planning and Zoning Commission effective July 1.

"They already work together," Steele said. She explained that Milburn's income goes to planning and zoning while his expenses

are paid by the county. The Harrodsburg-Mercer County Joint Planning and Zoning Commission and the Harrodsburg City Commission have already approved the consolidation and agreed to change how they budgeted. The county will increase the funding they will submit. The city will reimburse the county for financial contributions made until June 30.

"For auditing purposes, it makes much more sense," Steele said.

• **Tabled accepting the sealed bids for the drug screen program from the Mercer County Health Department, the only bidder.** The bid was tabled until Judge-Executive Sarah Steele did a comparison on last year to the new bid. Steele said they had the option of renewing at the same rate.

• **Gave a second reading to an ordinance enabling the county to receive litter abatement funds.**

• **Gave a second reading to an ordinance enabling the county to receive insurance reimbursement for damage to a county-owned truck sustained during the last snow event.**

• **Approved applying for a Homeland Security Grant to purchase handguns for the Mercer County Sheriff's Office.** If granted, the county will receive approximately \$13,000.

• **Approved participating in the Kentucky Business Incentives program.**

Judge Steele briefed the fiscal court about former magistrate Jackie Claycomb's seat. Claycomb stepped down from the fiscal court in January. Gov. Andy Beshear will appoint Claycomb's replacement. Steele said she had received a message from the governor's office that they are working on an executive order and will notify the county when it's ready.

"It sounds like we'll hear something very soon," Steele said.

Budget requests are due by Saturday, March 1.

The next meeting of the Mercer County Fiscal Court will be Tuesday, Feb. 25, at 10 a.m. at the Mercer County Fiscal Courthouse (207 West Lexington Street)

Mundy's

"I'm not asking to put in entire houses, I'm asking to put in footers and blocks," Sims said. He said he was trying to avoid more delays.

Shawn Moore said Sims could be limited to footers and blocks until the street was paved. The commission approved installing the footers and blocks prior to road being constructed.

• **Discussed issues with subdivision regulations concerning additions.** According to the agenda, site plans are needed for additions that are 200 square feet or 10 percent of the current structure, whichever is less.

"This will bring us up to what we've actually been doing in the past," Upchurch said.

"What's the purpose of this if it doesn't encroach on the building setbacks?" asked Commissioner Jonathan Elliott. "Isn't that covered by the building permits?"

Upchurch said it brings planning and zoning in compliance with the building inspector's office.

"We've had several people trying to circumvent the requirements by not getting the site plans," Upchurch said. "It only applies to commercial and industrial," Shawn

Moore stipulated. "Any commercial or industrial has to be inspected."

Moore said it also applies to storage structures. Zoning ordinances require a building permit. The former exemption does not exclude a building permit.

The commissioners took no further action until the regulations had been drafted.

"There will be actual text for you to look at," Attorney Henry Smith said.

Upchurch also said they would have to revise and readapt the requirements, including requiring subdivisions to comply with road

frontage requirements based on the length of contiguous road frontage. There would also be new requirements for plan submissions suggested by the technical review committee, including requiring a design engineer stamp and signature and a copy of the either the submittal letter to the Kentucky Department of Water or a copy of the DOW approval letter from DOW or approval from engineer contracted by or working for the utility who will accept the water and sewer lines.

"We've kind of been doing that," Upchurch said. He said they haven't been requiring

signatures and stamps.

The board took no further action.

Created in 1972, the Mercer County Joint Planning and Zoning Commission consists of seven appointed commissioners, with four members appointed by the Mercer County Fiscal Court and the members appointed by the Mayor of Harrodsburg. They serve four-year terms of office. The commissioners currently include Chairman Bobby Upchurch, Vice Chairman Jim McGlone, Commissioner Jonathan Elliott, Commissioner Gil Hayslett, Commissioner Connie Allen,

Commissioner Jerry Catlett and Commissioner Lucas Guinn. The commission meets on the first Friday of each month at 9 a.m. at the Harrodsburg City Hall (109 Short Street). Follow the commission's Facebook page to see upcoming meeting agendas. at Facebook @hmczp. For more information, call the office at 859-734-6066 or email Acting Executive Director Kylie Donnelly at kdonnelly@mercercy.com.

The next meeting of the Mercer County Joint Planning and Zoning Commission will be Friday, March 7, at 9 a.m.

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